

Lincoln Elementary School

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Lincoln School Site Council

Meeting
September 24, 2010 - 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM
Main Office Conference Room

Agenda

1. Introduce new members
 - Welcome by Brent Conway
 - In attendance:
 - Gretchen Sinnett
 - Kristen Haggerty
 - Jean O'Neil
 - Ed Keenan
 - Linda Apple
 - Sherryl Breda
 - Kathleen McGourthy
 - Cynthia Santosuosso

2. A review of the No Child Left Behind AYP status
 - MCAS presentation (first one)
 - Impact on how the school functions
 - Presentation will be held on Wednesday 10/6
 - Hope that AYP formula will be replaced within next year or two
 - Status: Year 2 of Improvement, though 3rd year of not making AYP
 - Improved in every category except low income students in math (went down three points), though they went up ten points last year
 - Must continue school choice
 - SES
 - SES letter will go home on 10/1
 - Must offer SES-Takes 20% of Title 1 funding and provides free tutoring to low-income families or School Choice transportation
 - 12 slots for tutoring=\$833 for each student
 - Prioritize students who are the lowest performing low-income students
 - Must be offered to all low-income students, then prioritize students
 - Lincoln must offer free space
 - Brent will offer suggestions for tutoring companies based on DESE approved vendors

3. A Review/Revision of the 10-11 School Improvement Plan goals
 - Brent must update SIP goals with current 2010 CPI numbers
 - Must present again with current numbers to School Committee

4. A status check of our outreach to new families and immigrant families
 - Parents of committee recruited to reach out to new/immigrant families

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- Asked to reach out with dinner in November
 - Parents would like to reach out before school starts to introduce families to school
 - Joyce's intern would work on a project welcoming ELL families to Melrose
 - Suggestion to reach out to Boston University for support with Turkish families-perhaps an interpreter or student teachers
5. Discussion of change in election procedures
- Elections in the same year: taking place in the fall-September
 - Previous group would meet in September to review MCAS, and then elect
 - Three year terms
6. Update from Superintendent's SIP Working Group
- Group is reviewing and studying school improvement plans in hope of developing guidelines and expectations of school improvement plans, not a cookie cutter document; all schools should be able to represent their individuality
 - Three levels represented: elementary, middle, high school
 - Two meetings so far
 - Brent Conway, Kathleen McGourthy, Cynthia Santosuosso from School Site Council part of SIP Working Group
 - Possibility of multi-year plan (2-3 years with benchmarks for each year, and progress reports throughout the year)
 - School committee expects SIP and presentation in April or May
 - Plan can be developed in January, February, and March
 - Budgetary impact plan to be worked on in November/December as SSC
 - Kathleen McGourthy brings up PTO as additional funding source and creativity for thinking of funding (Sharing and Caring)
 - Next meeting-Brent will share budget and different sources of income
 - After school enrichment money (early release days) is used for building purposes
 - Revolving account does not have to balance out every year
 - Central Office does not direct how funds are spent-no consistent city funding of account. Now early release days fund the revolving account. Money has to be signed off by business manager and school committee
 - SSC develop a budgetary impact plan in addition to the SIP (1 page bulleted) which is due in January.
7. Set October/November meeting date(s) and general timeline for the year
- Meet in October to update on ELL support and reach out to BU
 - Will meet in November, maybe not December
 - Will definitely meet in January, February, and March to develop SIP
8. Other
- Bullying Meeting/Registration by MAAV
 - Presenting to School Committee on October 12 re: District Wide MCAS results and analysis