

Lincoln Elementary School

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Lincoln School Site Council

Meeting

October 1, 2009 at 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM

Main Office Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Staff - Brent Conway, Cynthia Santosuosso, Mike Oginski, Sherryl Breda, Jean O'Neil; Parents - Annalise Conti, Carol Nadeau, Kathy McGourthy, Linda Apple, Diane Bagley

Absent: Staff – Ed Keenan; Parents - Jenny Freeman

1. Introduce new members
 - A. Linda Apple, Diane Bagley, and Ed Keenan. Still need a Community Rep. Some names were discussed and Brent Conway will follow up with phone calls.
2. Distribute Melrose Public Schools School Site Council Questions and Answers Guide
 - A. This is being used in place of a district wide training that was conducted last year.
3. A review of the No Child Left Behind AYP status
 - A. Sip was written in anticipation of the low-income and SPED subgroups have academic difficulties that were reflected in the AYP status report.
 - B. A discussion occurred around the MA ESE new accountability system that will incorporate more than just AYP in determining which schools were in need of the most assistance and most significant improvement status. A new data mode, the Growth Model, should help us assess how well students improve from year to year when measured against students who had similar MCAS scores in prior years.
 - C. Brent Conway and Superintendent, Joe Casey attended an information session with Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Karla Behr.
 - D. Brent Conway is hopeful that this model will show how well the interventions and classroom teaching helps students improve.
 - E. The Council and entire school community will be advised when this information becomes public.
4. A review of the 09-10 School Improvement Plan goals
 - A. The NCLB law requires the council to address any AYP issues by altering the SIP. No changes are necessary as the areas of concern were already addressed.
 - B. Veteran's Day Assembly was brought up. The 4th Grade will be taking over the general function of this event and inviting Veteran family members of Lincoln students. 4th Grade will also be singing at the event.
5. A status check of our outreach to new families and immigrant families
 - A. The Lincoln Site Council will collaboratively sponsor the International Welcoming Reception with Mayor Dolan's office and the Human Rights Commission. Lincoln School Site Council members will use this as forum to invite and provide community outreach to

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our immigrant families. **(The event has been planned for Thursday, November 5th, 2009 at 6:30 in the Lincoln Café)**

- B. A school wide “International Week” should be planned for later in the year. More discussion to come at the following meeting.
- 6. Set November meeting date and general timeline for the year
 - A. Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 7:30 AM
- 7. Other

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