

Farmington River Elementary School Council

Agenda #1 Minutes

Farmington River Elementary School Library

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 4:30PM

Attending: Jennifer Hibbins, Erika Chait, Charlie Ransom, Leo Tetreault, Katherine Silk, Bethany Mielke, Jamie Foster, Rob Putnam

- **Call to Order:**
 - The meeting was called to order at 4:30.
- **Public Comment**
 - There was no public comment.
- **Election of a Co-Chair**
 - Jennifer Hibbins volunteered for the position and was unanimously elected by the members
- **Review of School Council Responsibilities**
 - Adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and statewide student performance standards
 - The Council discussed student behavior as a goal. The concept of a school-wide behavior program was raised. School members recalled a previous initiative involving dragon cards as having been started as a first step to a school-wide program.
 - Identifying the educational needs of students attending the school
 - The Council discussed foreign language as a need of students attending the school. Enrichment was another another need of the students.
 - Reviewing the annual school building budget
 - The Council reviewed the Expenditures Worksheet presented at the January 9, 2023 School Committee meeting.
 - Questions about the budget in terms of Intervention for struggling students were raised. The issue was raised in regard to the Title I program. It was suggested that a dedicated Title I teacher would be helpful for the school. The Title I program at FRES is targeted assistance program. It was observed that the school could be a school-wide program based on the 45.8% low income population of the school. The issue of efficient use of intervention resources was the basis of the discussion. The issue of attribution of student improvement to intervention instruction as opposed to classroom instruction was discussed and deemed a complicated issue.
 - Formulating a School Improvement Plan (SIP) to focus on improving student achievement.
- **Review of School Improvement Plan [2021-23 School Improvement Plan](#)**
 - The Council discussed adding the goal of growing enrollment to the SIP. It was observed that the school is unknown to many of the neighboring communities.

Promoting the school was discussed and school members shared that there was already a brochure in the works consisting of photographs taken by Michael Flower. The Council agreed that the draft brochure should be located and used as a basis for promoting the school. It was suggested that profiles and biographies of the staff could be added and shared on a weekly basis in the school newsletter. The EarlyK program was identified as a potential selling point for the school if it were to be full day from 8:30-3:00. Open houses were also suggested as a way to increase awareness of the school.

- The Council agreed that there should be a yearly report on the outcomes of the SIP that results in actionable next steps.
 - This led to a discussion of data use at the FRES. School members agreed data was collected but that it wasn't shared across grade levels. The issue of not having sufficient time dedicated to sharing data was raised. Aimsweb was suggested as an important set of data for sharing.
- **Discussion of the Portrait of a Graduate program**
 - [Description of PoG](#). This topic was rescheduled for the February 16th meeting.
- **Other items for discussion not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours before the meeting**
 - Nothing was raised.
- **Motion to Adjourn**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 5:50. The next meeting is scheduled at 4:30 pm on February 16th.