

January 19, 2017

6:30 – 7:30

Welcome and introductions:

- Staff in attendance (Jas Singh, Casey Decoteau, Callie Mish, Tonja Kelly, Karla Gwynn)
- Casey is the “Studio & Community Coordinator”

Upcoming events:

- Family cooking night: January 27; Registration will open Monday 23rd
- School Event- Community Night- It’s on the board; you will hear about this soon.

Structure:

- Update By-Law Committee
- “Group of us have been meeting to talk about how this group will be formed”
 - Major Talking Points:
 - Names: See below
 - Bylaws= rules of group, who participates, roles of the officers, committees.
- Timeline for FCC
 - Timeline for voting
 - Finalize bylaws- February/March
 - Nomination Forms- April
 - Vote for officers- May

Vote New Name:

1. Riverside Magnet School Community Council (RCC)

Principal Updates:

- School Development Plan (see attached)
 - Common Grade Level Goals: 1-3 NWEA, Fountas and Pinnell; they need to be at national norm or 50% or greater improvement rate
 - NWEA is more where the child is nationally, not based on what they are learning daily. Looking into AIMS web
 - *Share a graph in spring of growth.*
 - The goal of Strategic Action 1 is to see the growth, trend and the continuum from K-3 (and so on)
 - Grade 3 teachers looked at SBAC; assessed on their knowledge not their skill (typing)
 - 3rd grade will begin Typing without Tears
- Budget
 - Document provided at meeting

- Budget has to get approved by: Goodwin at Goodwin Board Meeting, LEARN and at the state
- We have already been told by the state we may experience a cut of about 6% for the current fiscal year. We may face another cut for the next fiscal year of 5-8%.
 - “Explain LEARN Admin” – pays for payroll, insurance, security, special services, legal
 - \$9,000 per pupil by State; rest made up by local. State tuition changes but not local. The state does not pay per pupil for preschool. 60% of PK students receive tuition.
 - Retention of families is key. Looking at FCC to talk to incoming PK 3 about the importance of staying at our school.
 - Additions: Librarian, Spanish, Reading Teacher, Special Education Teacher, STEAM Reggio Emilia Coach (Science, Math, Application: Project Work, CT State Assessment), Humanities Reggio Emilia Coach (Literacy, Social Studies, Interim Assessments)
 - 2017-18 School Year Instrumental Music (possibly strings)
 - 8-10 volumes per student for Library Collection

Questions:

- **Grades:** Reduction in PK (final number not determined; no less than four sections)
- **New Building:** Construction starts in March, End Date January
- **Next Fall:** Pods will be restructured for PK, K, 1, 2 at this building. 3 & 4 at 167.
- **PK Essentials:** Looking at different options
- **Summer Studio:** Yes it will happen. **Can it be longer?** Not this, but maybe next year. **Part-Time Option?** Maybe, in the future.

Closure: Next meeting – February 16th 6:30-7:30

- Feb or March- Will be all on assessments; grade 3 parents will have opportunity for CT state assessments.
- Finalize by-laws.