

Called to order 5:08

1. Minutes review, minutes approved

In attendance: Jeremiah, Lisa Tatterson, Barry Rafkind, Erin Barnum, Marissa Roque, Jane Wirch, Colleen Cunningham, Leslie Lartey, Victoria Macrokanis, Kathleen Seward, Kathleen Brewer, Brenda Williams, Laura Beretsky, Claire Suthar

2. Members and guests introduced themselves
3. Mrs. Seward gave an update on the start to school and the upcoming 5th grade trip to see the Red Sox as well as the work that some WSNS staff will be doing on a state-wide initiative to develop performance assessments.
4. Staff update
 - a. Smooth transition and nice opening to school, kids are happy to be here
 - b. Stagger effect of starting the year slowly seems to help kids. There is a positive vibe in the air, and there was a lot of growing over the summer.
 - c. 5th-8th 1:1 Chromebooks, teachers are figuring out and it is exciting
5. Parent updates
 - a. Question about Responsive Classroom and whether we are still using it. Yes, we are. This is the second year of implementation.
 - b. Parents mentioned that the on-Boarding document was helpful
 - c. There was a question about older students staying in after-school help and detention. A parent is always notified before a student stays after school.
 - d. There was a question about when detention starts. Mrs. Seward explained that tardy detention starts in 5th grade.
 - e. There was a request to include the inclement weather line up plan in the memo
 - f. Some student have reported that they do not have enough time to eat lunch. MRS. Seward mentioned that this is sometimes an issue in the beginning of the year when student are getting used to routines. Students who need more time are always given more time to eat, and this usually resolves after the first few weeks.
 - g. A parent asked if the bells can be changed so that different times (ie. warning bell vs. tardy ball) have different sounds.
 - h. A parent suggested that the administration have a meeting with the lunch aides. Mrs. Seward told the group that she and Mrs. Baker regularly meet with the lunch aides to discuss lunch procedures and to trouble shoot issues that come up at lunch time.
 - i. There were questions and a lively discussion about summer homework---some parents feel like it is a test of them as parents and how well they hang onto forms, burdensome for families, not sure about the point of summer homework. Other parents said that they appreciated summer homework and teachers clarified the purpose. There were some questions about whether parents should help with homework. A suggestion was made to put the work on google drive next year?
6. SFLC Liaison
 - a. Not present, no update
7. School yard update
 - a. Laura Beretsky gave an update on CPA grant. The school has made it past the first part of the grant process, now Arn Frantzen will write the second stage of the grant.

- b. Kathleen Seward gave update on walk-through to look at the space.
 - c. The group discussed visiting local parks as a part of the design phase including Joey's park at Winbrook School in Belmont.
8. Elections and Student seat
- a. There will be two open 2 staff seats, Brenda Williams and Mr. Lartey are both in the second year of a two year term. Brenda was appointed to replace Rami Bridge who did not complete his term.
 - b. There will be 5 parent seats. Seward to appoint one parent for the second year of a two year term. There are 4 open seats. Two seats are one year terms and two seats are two year terms. Elections will be held if there are more parents than seats. Interested parents will be asked to write a brief bio to introduce themselves to the school community.
 - c. Mr. Larety gave an update eon the plan for the student rep. this year.