

John Winthrop School
School Governance Council

Meeting of Monday, November 14, 2016, 3:15pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 17, 2017, 3:15pm

In Attendance:

Amy Broad, Chair (teacher, second term expires June 2017)
Selena Morgan, Principal
Paula Keegan (community partner, second term expires November 2017)
Keshana Wiggins (parent, term expires November 2017)
Sue Beres (teacher, term expires June 2017)
Daniele Azevedo-Silva (parent, term expires November 2017)
Ana Badolato (parent, term expires November 2017)
Tracy Audena (parent, term expires November 2017)
Denise Pitter (parent, term expires November 2017)

Absent:

Andrea Canuel (community partner, term expires November 2018)
Giselle Trikonis (parent, term expires November 2018)
Sue Beres (teacher, term expires June 2017)
Angela Marini (teacher, term expires June 2018)
Lorie Daniel (teacher, term expires June 2017)
Katia Mariano (parent, term expires November 2018)
Nabil Ibrahim (teacher, term expires June 2017)

Primary focus of School Governance Council (SGC):

To make sure kids are safe, happy and learning.

The meeting was started by 3:30 by Mrs. Broad.

PAC Report:

Online orders for the Mixed Bag Fundraiser can be placed until July.
Ice skating fundraiser in April for playground.
Candy Tower Raffle during PT conferences for playground.
Friday before vacation (April 7)- wear your favorite T-shirt for \$1.
Mrs. Morgan has a table for 10 at dinner for school volunteers organized by a statewide organization for school supervisors. The dinner is at a Southbury restaurant.
Parent trip is May 19 to the Museum of Natural History. Need 11 more people.
Health Fair is June 2 or rain date June 9, start 3:30. Obstacle course, Mrs. Morgan will ask Lighthouse to join. Includes booths, BP checks, a veterinarian, a yoga and/or Zumba instructor, etc. Theme is Health and Wellness.
Kids School supplies fundraiser. Order via school website in the summer, pickup in August at the school.

Mrs. Morgan's report:

Last day of school is now Tuesday, June 20. Field Day? Just have sprinklers?

Mrs. Morgan has applied for an \$80,000 2-year grant for afterschool programs. Flight simulators etc. to learn aeronautics. The STEM director assisted Mrs. Morgan with the grant writing. Instructors will come from SHU. Should find out in May if Winthrop has the grant. Program would be 2 days a week after school but since 4 flight simulators will be purchased, these can be used during the day. There would be a parent component of two activities per year.

School Climate:

School Climate is very good.

A teacher team competition has been fun and competitive. Teachers are given riddles and they have to sing the answer to Mrs. Morgan. Prizes are awarded on a point system and include \$20 gift cards, movie passes, etc.

Looking at having a mystery room event, an “escape room” where people are trapped and have to solve problems to get out.

Looking at renting a “Fun Bus” for kids- tons of activities and might be reasonably priced.

The kids- no fights, no suspensions. Trying to talk most things out.

Miss Pam Galace won a Barnes and Noble My Favorite Teacher competition.

2 grade 5 students were accepted to an afterschool STEM program at Discovery.

The school’s Amazing Girls in Science program is going well

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The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Keegan

Meeting reminders:

Meeting dates for the year (usually Mondays; start time 3:15PM):

Tuesday, September 12, 2016, 3:15PM

Monday, October 17, 2016, 3:15PM

Monday, November 14, 2016, 3:15PM

Monday, December 19, 2016, 3:15PM (cancelled)

Monday, January 9, 2017, 3:15PM (changed from January 23rd)

Monday, March 13, 2017, 3:15PM

Monday, April 17, 2017, 3:15PM

Monday, May 15, 2017, 3:15PM

Monday, June 12, 2017, 3:15PM