

Dallin School Council Meeting January 12, 2012

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- New teacher evaluation tool. Implemented fall, 2013. More information will be posted to the state website. Workshops will be available for teachers and administrators. 4 standards of practice that have rubrics that define 4 levels of performance:
 1. Curriculum, planning and assessment
 2. Teaching all students
 3. Family and community engagement
 4. Professional Culture
- Principals presented at December School Committee meeting. Spoke to common and unique needs. Tara gave highlights of some new things: science garden, document cameras, monthly student-led assemblies. Talked about needs:
 - More students presenting with bigger social/emotional issues. Possible that every school could have a full time social worker.
 - Need for additional admin help in the office. All agreed on wanting more math RTI.
 - Our special ed coordinator has too large a caseload; not sustainable and needs more help.
 - School committee agreed to start the process to look for a full time assistant superintendent.
 - Committees for SPED Director and Assistant Superintendent already formed.
- Donorschoose.org
- Teacher web sites: Not required but suggested to have.
- SPEC received a grant to use consultants for additional training/professional development to general ed staff and specialized staff. Goal is to use these specialists to boost current programs.
- Library/media and tech support. Possibly increasing the salary. Principals would be writing a specific job description.
- Greg Tang Math. School has bought a few subscriptions. Great for kids to practice math skills. Subscriptions are inexpensive.
- Parent council members asked for priority funding issues.
- Kindergarten yoga starts on Thursday.
- 4th grade school wide presentation went very well. Kids did a lot of it themselves.
- Redistricting update from Lauren Boyle:
 - Parents are heavily involved. Huge issue: the community isn't getting the data/information. They need accurate data to show it's going to be a smooth process. Thompson has to have a goal of 380 kids.
 - Committee doesn't feel comfortable working on a map without data, i.e., baby data.
 - METCO should stay in the elementary schools.
 - No more new open enrollment kids as of last year. Current open enrollment kids stay.
 - Will be a big push of some parents on the other side of Park to move the kids closer to Rte 2 to go to Bracket.
 - Depending on outcome, crossing guards may have to be brought back. Bishop bus may stay.
 - Schools will need to market to the families slated to move.
- Next meeting: February 15, 2012