**School Site Council**

**1/17/2024 SSC**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**: Carolyn Rocheleau (Principal), Jennifer Williams (Social Worker), Lynn Stead (Paraprofessional), Sao Sing (Parent), Vannhi Belizaire (Parent), Jerubi Romero (Parent)

Update on staffing:

* We are now fully staffed
* Hired 3 parents or current students as paraprofessionals.
* Not all subs have experience with early childhood therefore using less subs is better

Working on improved attendance:

* Social worker makes calls home with extreme absences
* We continue to encourage students to stay home when sick and return with a dr note

Transition to Kindergarten routines:

* We are being told that students moving from our smaller school to large elementary school have a difficult time with the change in routines etc. We are looking at instituting some routines now that students will have in K
  + Pledge of Allegiance
  + Eating in lunch room when possible
  + Other transitions throughout the building
  + Shorten naps to approximately 45 minutes

Kindergarten showcases on Feb 6th and 8th

* Parents did not find the Kindergarten event in November very helpful
* Parents liked the Pre-k event at the lincoln school last year
* Cardinal as well as other schools will host tables at the upcoming showcase
* Discussed communication options for kindergarten registration
  + Dojo
  + Newsletter
  + Showcase
  + Email

Field Trip ideas

* District has given each school $4000 for field trips
* Everyone in agreement that we will bring field trip in rather than taking kids out - too many safety and bussing concerns, also not feasible for half day students
* We currently have Hugh Hanley 6x this year
* Have brookline Puppet Theater scheduled for May
* Field trip suggestions
  + Older students from other school come in to do performances
  + Teddy Bear Enrichment Van (Vannhi to follow up)
  + Magic Puppets by Steve
  + Art Van (Vannhi to follow up)

Teacher Appreciation week Possible events… (May 6th-10th)

* Principal will provide a luncheon
* Virtual thank you card (Sao to follow up)
* Make a video with students talking about their teachers
* Discussion of past year events
  + Handprint wreath
  + Brunch

Valentine's Day

* Parents expressed interest in having names of students in classrooms sent home for Valentine's Day
* Classrooms participating in Door Decor Event that focuses on kindness
* Cookie decorating activity

“We All Have Ideas” event coming in March

* Teachers have the flexibility to create and present their as they see fit
* Most teachers have liked how the event was run in the past
* Jerubi has attended the event the past 2 years and has really enjoyed it