

School Council Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2016
7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

<p>Members of the Council present at meeting:</p>	<p>Lisa Desjarlais: Pelham School principal Sarah Frenette: Pelham School parent Ron Mannino: Community volunteer Suzanne Quinlan: Classroom teacher, grade 5 Deborah Jacque: Classroom teacher, kindergarten <i>Doreen Reid: Pelham School parent (not in attendance)</i></p>
<p>School Improvement Plan</p>	<p>Feedback from School Committee: How is the council reflecting on goals and measuring if goals have been met? -Continuous ongoing observation and comparison -The council believes this reflection is part of each monthly meeting. We will be better about documenting this reflection at beginning, middle and end of each year in our agendas and minutes. -Could/Should this reflection be introduced at staff meeting?</p>
<p>Family Engagement Review</p>	<p>Review summary document from Focus Groups, Walkthrough and School Survey results (spring 2015) 1) How do we define family engagement and involvement? -We agree that it is important for families to feel welcomed and invited to participate. -There is a difference between engagement and involvement. Families can be engaged in their child's learning and not be physically present (involved). 2) Physical space: -More signage and having several languages represented in writing (Chinese, Spanish, French). Bulletin boards more clearly labeled- who did the work and what does it mean? -Is there a way to make the front of the school more visually appealing? Is this an opportunity for an artist in residence? 3) Communication and Information Sharing -Deb would like to hold conferences twice a year, and have it in the contract -Is there a way to use a building based curriculum day in the spring for conferences? Are there legal issues to consider? -The middle and high school has PowerSchool where parents can access grades and teacher comments daily, weekly, and as needed. Elementary parents have less access to information.</p>
<p>Student Surveys</p>	<p>Review and discuss two samples of student climate surveys. The council will review samples in preparation for conversation at February meeting. Want to hear student voices, solicit their opinions. Need different versions that are developmentally appropriate. This should also be brought to the staff for their feedback.</p>

	Can this be a survey monkey or Google survey?
Future Agenda Items	Share meetings notes from Forum- determine next steps School Improvement Plan Survey Participation strategies Family Engagement nights for 2015-2016 school year
Upcoming Meetings	The next meeting will take place February 3, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Frenette