

David Mindess Elementary School
90 Concord Street
School Site Council
November 9th, 2021
2:45PM

Members:

Ryan Garnik - Parent, Kiera Garretson- Teacher, Barbara Girardi-Teacher, Meghan McGuire-Counselor, Todd Kittelson-Assistant Principal, Claudia Bennett-Principal, Gabby Abrams - Parent

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Time: 245- 305

- Review current school year goals
- Meghan reviews goal #1
- DESSA - Quick assessment of how teachers see students
- Both assessments will be taken twice a year

Time: 305- 315

- Kiera explains the multi grade level model and how we can incorporate some pieces of it moving forward into the new building
- Configuration of the new building for giving similar experience with the multigrade model
- Kiera spoke about mentoring, reading buddies, morning meetings with one class per grade, three total groups.
- Mentioned how other schools and our middle school group students together. Essentially during a snack time, once a day or once every few days where students from grade 3, 4 and 5 meet and have a common teacher for their three years of schooling at Mindess.

Time: 315- 330

- Barbara explains the importance of having a Brazilian speaking ELL teacher.
- Tapping into a relationship with students is essential to learning, having a Portuguese teacher on site is invaluable
- Everyone is using something different regarding communication, blackboard connect, smore, whatsapp. Are schools in Ashland using across the board?
- ELL families usually do not use email, What's App is perhaps the preferred way to communicate.
- Teachers are truly the link to connect EL families into the community (Sports, Band ect)

Time 330- 333

- Continue to use/ learn and implement the Lucy Calkins program of study.

Additional: 335-348

- New students to the district about 40
- New staff, new 3rd grade, new 5th grade, new wellness, new psychology staff member.
- New building project update, ground breaking on Dec 8th
- What do we want our goals to be moving forward and for the Fall of 2023.
- What can we do for students for recess while the back outside is closed
- EnVisions program?
- Research based committee moving forward?
- Future meeting dates. Second Tuesday of the month. Time works.

