

School Council
Jefferson Elementary School
Meeting Summary of 10/18/2021

Meeting started at 3:15 pm at Jefferson Elementary School

Welcome and Introductions

The 2021-2022 School Council members introduced themselves as this was the first meeting of the year.

Sarah Klim- Principal

Kim Booth- Assistant Principal

Kellie Dow- Parent

Dave Gove- SRO/Community Member

Jaclyn Newman - Teacher

Role of School Councils

Ms. Klim reviewed the Role of the School Council sharing that the MA General Law states that the make-up of the Council is to include representatives from all constituents which include teachers, parents, community members and administrators.

Planning our work for the 21-22 school year

Ms. Klim reviewed the School Improvement Plan for Jefferson with the Council. She reviewed how our work for the year is aligned with the District Improvement Plan and how each goal relates to the Jefferson community.

- Strategic Objective 1: Social Emotional Well Being of Students and Staff: PD was identified from staff survey and Cultural Proficiency as an on-going initiative at Jefferson
- Strategic Objective 2: Engaging and Rigorous Curriculum: IM Math is common across the District and Social Studies standards are newer
- Strategic Objective 3 High Quality Instruction to Meet the Academic and SEL Needs of Each learner. ICE blocks to use time for intervention/correction/enrichment block and DESSA is a tool we will roll out in December to gauge student SEL needs. Other Elementary schools have used this tool and now three more elementary schools will use this data for their schools.
- Strategic Objective 4: Effective two-way Communication to Support Student Learning: Review and revise Mission/Vision/Core Values

The focus of the School Council work this year will be under Strategic Objective 4.

1. The Mission/Vision and Core Values have not been reviewed in about 7 years
2. This is the 25th anniversary of the opening of this complex so it seems appropriate that we review/refresh these statements.
3. In addition, the District focus on “The Portrait of a Graduate” should be reflected in our Core Values

Ms. Klim shared that the last time the Mission/Vision/Core Values were reviewed a survey to our constituents was done. Families were asked to complete a survey while the students were asked a question like “What makes a great school?” Once all the data was collected, the Council reviewed it for common themes. Ms. Klim shared that students have a difficult time explaining what Creative and Invested mean so we may want to rethink our Core Values.

A discussion of a mascot or acronym may be something to think about so students can remember the Core Values. Ms. Dow shared the ACORN acronym used at another Elementary School and suggested maybe PAWS or LABS for Jefferson.

The Council then decided on future dates for meetings and possible topics for each meeting.

December 7, 2021	Review other school Mission/Vision/Core Values Plan survey
January 10, 2022	Finalize survey and send surveys out
March 14, 2022	Review results from surveys
May 9, 2023	Finalize Mission/Vision, Core Values

Meeting was adjourned at 4pm.