

Gorman Fort Banks School Site Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023

Present

- Ilene Pearson, Principal/ Co-chair
- Danielle Tucker, Assistant Principal
- Zachary Purinton, Parent Representative/ Co-chair
- Jason Wright, Parent Representative
- Julia Wilson, Parent Representative
- Kaitlin Burroughs, Parent Representative
- Daria Millerick, Teacher Representative
- Arianna Macy, Teacher Representative
- Bailey King, Teacher Representative

I. Approval of March 13th meeting minutes

II. Budget Update

- Level service and needs budget developed for 2023-2024 school year
- Budget review with School Committee followed by Public Hearing on April 10th
- Additional opportunity for public comment on April 25th at Town Finance Commission meeting

III. Book Suggestions for Library

- Titles need to be properly vetted and not offensive
 - No established guidelines for review
- Each council member assigned a few books to review and approve based on individual discretion
- Adequate time is needed to review and purchase texts. Will be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year

IV. Survey Responses

- Parent and staff survey responses reviewed by Site Council and will be used to establish and guide priorities for the 2023-2024 School Improvement Plan
- Survey responses will be posted on the site council tab of the school website
- Response rate from parent and staff survey was disappointingly low
- Council agreed on threshold of an 80 positive/20 negative split. Neutral responses not part of calculation

V. Parent Survey

- Council members read and reviewed consolidated parent survey responses
 - *Recommendations:*
 - Math interventionist needed. Changes to math curriculum under consideration.
 - Recess/ lunch monitor. Staff and parents consider a critical need to address what seems to be a growing issue.

- FT Adjustment Counselor.
- EL and reading services are limited in kindergarten. Bolster need in school improvement plan.

VI. Staff Survey

- Council members read and reviewed consolidated staff survey responses
 - *Recommendations:*
 - Include student and teacher technology in School Improvement Plan
 - School based professional development needs to be site based. Possible suggestions to make stronger? Surveys conducted.
 - Reassess SMART plan. Sticker awards seem to vary greatly from teacher to teacher. Bring back Smart Student of the Week
 - Introduce additional ALICE training. Once a year is not sufficient. Include Para's in training.
 - Classroom size not to exceed 22 students.

VII. May 8th Agenda

- Book review and approval
- Finalize School Improvement Plan

Meeting minutes taken by Jason Wright