

Waddell School

Governance Council

Date: November 5, 2015

Time 6:30 pm Location: Principal Office

Members Present

Parents	Waddell Staff	Community
Tracy Maio	Karen Taylor	Jerry Bidwell
Allison Peek	Kim Leining	
Melanie Stefanovicz	Janice Medynski	
Deboroh Nodleman	Terry Doherty	
	Nancy Casey	
	Renee Bryan	

Members Absent: Kim Loveland , Nicole Farnham , Jessica Carter ,Kurt Stefanovicz

Approval of previous minutes:

October first meeting minutes : Tracy Maio motioned, Janice Medynski second

Budget:

\$53 per pupil. \$15 LA, \$15 Math, \$5 Social Studies, \$9 Science, \$4 art, music, gym, library media, \$5 social thinking.

This was tabled as Kim was absent and context is needed for discussion.

Search for the sister school:

Metacomet Elementary School in Bloomfield has had significant progress in raising academic achievement. Interested in what is driving their progress. Melanie is meeting with Bethany from Bloomfield Public Schools on 1/14.

Janice gave brief overview of learning through play

Pamphlet brainstorming

Define:

Where Waddell's Student Achievement is.

What Waddell's achievement gap is.

What are our approaches to close the gap.

Why SGC was formed

Purpose

Ways parents can get involved / How to help from home / How we close the achievement gap at home

Details: monthly mtg dates, members

Community Resources

Attendance letters

A concern was raised via Waddell PTA facebook about the letters and understanding.

Family Engagement Seminar

Renee provided update. Spoke how there is a common misunderstanding of what collaboration is.

Parents view collaboration as volunteering. Schools view collaboration with parents as bringing them into the building to watch a program.

Initiatives impacted by common core

No more NEWA

SBAC- standardized

Classroom pre/post bench marks

Feb town wide pta meeting

- Discussed what the Town PTA's function is
- SEPTA is starting

January Agenda:

- Budget understanding
- Town wide School Compact

Upcoming Meeting Dates: 2/11 , 3/3, no april 5/5

