

School Site Council Minutes 12/14/2020

Present: Julie Crafton, Joanna Doyle, Molly Gilmartin, Gregg Levin, Gerardo Martinez, Lina Musayev, Shelby Sullivan, Kristen Toffer

Key Takeaways

- Welcome and Agenda Review

Agenda items and meeting norms were reviewed. Council members were invited to share any updates from the community.

- Grade 2 Update

Gerardo shared that students and families are thrilled to be attending school in person 4 days a week. Gerardo shared logistics that needed attending to make this happen— hiring, new schedule, classroom space, lunch arrangement, routines. Council asked about how classes were configured and whether there has been talk about grade 3 attending 4 days.

- Remote Learning School Transferring Process

Gerardo shared the process as outlined by the RLS principal

1. All RLS families are asked to fill out survey (Translations available) by 12/23/20
2. Request considered based on following:
 - a. Space availability
 - b. Unique programing (IEP, 504, ELL, Metco)
3. Student may be placed in different class from the Fall
4. Student may be placed in a school other than their home school
5. District will continue to prioritize: students with disabilities, EL learners in early stages of English development, PreK-1, economically disadvantaged students working considerably below grade level.

- Budget Update/Enrollment

Gerardo shared that select board provided a 2.5% guideline for all town departments, including the schools. The School Committee has tasked the school district with creating a 2.5% and a level service budget. The challenge to the 2.5% budget is that it will result in cutting resources. The district leadership team, which includes principals is brainstorming possible cuts to recommend.