

**Concord Middle School
School Advisory Council Minutes
Thursday - December 15, 2016**

Members Present: Drew Rosenshine, Wendy Pfaffenbach, Lori Jackson, Nikki Yuskowski, Yuval Erlich, Brendon Egan, Linda Ricci Schubnel

Present: Cindy Larsen

Meeting is being recorded. The meeting convened at 7:02 a.m.

Review minutes from last meeting

The November Minutes were approved by members.

Review progress toward SIP goals

Schedule and Latin: We are still planning to offer Latin as an elective to our schedule next year. Finalizing the budget for next year, the integrated preschool is growing at a much quicker rate than planned and it taking up quite a bit of the budget. Latin is not in the budget for the time being, but will be addressed in the supplementary appropriation.

Advisory/Merrowvista options

Advisory - The advisory group will present different options to the faculty in January. We would like to have advisory meet 20 times over the course of the school year, updating/replacing CMSST and using house huddles. This would enable us to have conversations on an ongoing basis.

Merrowvista - We are looking into possibly replacing Merrowvista and are currently talking to three different groups. We would have day programs for the Fall and Spring, and an internal program for the Winter. This would be more of a vestment for students and staff where we could build a sense of community throughout the year.

Examine Challenge Success Survey

Responses to our questions:

Following up with Sarah Miles on adding questions regarding alcohol and drugs, student stress, and peer groups. The survey as it stands is passive consent, where parents can chose to opt out. By adding these questions to the survey it would make it an active consent, which is not recommended.

Our CMS budget is frozen at this time, but we will find a way to pay for Challenge Success so it will take place this year.

Citizens / Additional comments

Add music to the list for the question time spent on extracurricular activities are the most stressful.

Is there a way to find out how long it should take to finish the survey, in order to keep track of students who might be just clicking on answers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.
Approved January 19, 2017
Submitted by Cindy Larsen