

School Governance Council Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2017
Marvin Library

1. Attendance and Intro
 - a. Step Down of David and Jen
 - b. New Community Member - John Wilkins
 - c. Roll Call and INtroductions for Mr. Wilkins
 - i. Jen Jefferies
 - ii. Esme Lombard
 - iii. Nancy Lamb
 - iv. John Wilkins
 - v. Sharlia Gllman
 - vi. Sabine Schweizer
 - vii. Kathie Hughes
 - viii. Peter Osborne
 - d. Esme Lombard agreed to take minutes for this meeting.
2. Change in Co-Chair - Jen Jefferies
3. Excellence in Education REcognition - Sponsored by NEF and NFT. Purpose is to achieve positive relations in the community and recognition for teachers. This is voluntary for each school. Presentation by Mrs. Lamb. The honoring of the teachers will be announced in April.
4. Creation of SGC agenda and minutes page on website - Nancy Lamb. Presented that Mrs. O'Shea has updated the website and put a place for the SGC updates and documents.
5. Setting the SGC meeting schedule for the rest of the year. It was agreed to stick with Monday's at 6 pm.
 - a. Monday, April 3rd @ 6 pm
 - i. Budget
 - ii. PBIS
 - iii. Letter to be crafted on class sizing
 - iv. After school programs
 - b. Monday, May 1st @ 6 pm
 - c. Monday, May 22nd @ 6 pm
 - d. Discussion of what we would like to take on as an SGC team:
 - . Looking at other after/before school activities/programs;
 - i. Promote the school as a parental choice; Goal is to have four sections of Kindergarten so we can continue to have four sections of each grade. Parents can apply for an Intradistrict transfer.
 - ii. SGC would like to try to craft a letter to ensure that there are four first grade classes next year.
 - iii. Redoing of Marvin School Compact
6. **FLES Discussion** - Mrs. Schweizer introduced the concept of having a Foreign Language in Elementary Schools program in Marvin. Potentially do two efforts - a short term and long term effort to meet the 2021 International Baccalaureate program Norwalk seeks to

establish. Can be French, Italian, German or Spanish for Grades 3-5. Would help to raise Marvin's profile.

It was stated that Nathan Hale offers Spanish and French and that it would be beneficial to the kids long term language development to offer the same.

Mrs. Schweizer will get the cost of the program and it was mentioned that the school could do a survey to get people's input on the languages that would be most in demand.

7. New Marvin School Compact - Mrs. O'Shea. Mrs. O'Shea passed out examples of School Compacts and shared slides from the CT Department of Education about what a school compact is. The more parent involvement the better our children do and the schools do. Marvin is making progress in closing the student achievement gap.

It was agreed that a tri-fold short and to the point is the best option. Rolling it out to the parents.

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