

David Mindess Elementary School
90 Concord Street
School Site Council
February 8th, 2022
2:45PM

Members:

Ryan Garnik - Parent, Kiera Garretson- Teacher, Barbara Girardi-Teacher, Meghan McGuire-Counselor, Todd Kittelson-Assistant Principal, Claudia Bennett-Principal, Gabby Abrams - Parent

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2:45 - Barbara (ELLs)

- These are the basic things that parents need to know.
- I want it to get to the point in which the parents are responsible for their children, and move on from WhatsApp Polly.
- Make things a little simple.
- Use blackboard to its fullest extent
- Add a line on the bottom "Important Contact Information" for each specific teacher.
- Google translate on each of the pages top right corner
- "Parents" tab could have this welcome letter.
- Having someone specific for that role is ideal, opposed to one person wearing two hats.
- We can not provide too much assistance, provide what is necessary.
- Set some parameters
- Perhaps have two days a week where newcomers come to school and get introduced to staff ect.
- Two orientations for newcomers
- This could be a really good first step, we start here and update to a bigger system (district wide)

3:25 - Claudia (Recess)

- Students not prepared for recess (clothing)
- No structures that would be able to be used for recess, too expensive and not moveable.
- PTO bought some additional balls
- Large gray bin moved to the middle doors
- PTO bought two basketball hoops, not yet installed.
- Teachers might have to oversee more recesses.
- Painted 4 squares on the front.
- Sidewalk chalk
- Jump ropes
- Giant Jenga
- Connect 4
- Wall Ball
- Bounce Balls

3:40 - Claudia (Budget)

- Up against the wall with the budget, lots of students going out of district

- Might be asking to use our stabilization fund to fund those needs.
- Pandemic has hit the budget hard regarding certain costs
- Operating budget may have some use
- We currently have ten 5th grade teachers, one of our ten 5th grade staff will go to 4th grade.
- ESP support person in an EL role.
- We're still over where we need to be, a lot of this is in our Spec Education population.

4:00 Gabby - SIP

- Is the school using iReady?
- The reason why I'm connecting it with the SIP, iReady is a tool and to your point it does give you good information about who needs a little extra support
- "Ensure a good transition for new leadership" One potential goal.
- Some goals are more long term and some are short term
- Goals around larger focus and some that could be pieced together on a google doc.
- Set up a doc and share it with everyone so our time together is productive.
- Academic goal, social emotional goal, transitional goal.
- Template? Or Formate?
- Yes, District template.