

School Council Meeting Minutes

14 FEBRUARY 2017 / 1:30 PM / LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, AASD

Attendees

Vanessa Robisch, Superintendent

Artecia McKinley, Chairperson

Terynce Butts, Secretary

Marjorie Jones, parent

Francoise Morman, parent

Natalie Pereles, Teacher Rep

Naomi Smith, parent

Stacey Katz-Shapiro, invited guest

Patti Lombardi, invited guest

Discussion

1. Welcome!
 - Introductions, past minutes approved, without objection
2. Outreach - Stacey Katz-Shapiro
 - Toddler Program, Tue/Thurs, 930-1130 (3 years old); Wed 10-1115 - babies (6 months-12 months)
 - 22 kids through program
 - Positive feedback from other schools for the Deaf
 - Community Tours, last Thurs of the month -- typically interpreter training programs, community members
 - Number of volunteers growing
 - Bilingual Training for American School for the Deaf; video support for Louisiana School for the Deaf & West Virginia School for the Deaf
3. Diversity - Stacey Katz-Shapiro
 - Staff & student; staff & family demographics do not match. How do we address that?
 - Previous Laurene Simms training focused on privilege; training 2/21/17 to focus on Allyship
 - AASD has established Diversity Committee that focuses on variety of topics
 - LGBT concerns for staff, boundaries
 - JAC Cook workshop for staff; vocab, appropriate responses for students

- Support for families in having difficult conversations
 - potential “Puberty” Sign Language class
- 4. Family Engagement - Patty Lombardi
 - How to empower our families & provide literacy rich environment
 - Georgia’s Systems of Continuous Improvement
 - Whole Child at the center of focus
 - Family & Community Engagement -- ... *two-way, meaningful communication about student learning*
 - Town Hall meeting: 3/25, 11-1
 - May 5: Movie on the lawn
- 5. Results of Silver & Associates - Vanessa Robisch
 - Continuing to review and clarify
 - Mentioned a need for School Resource Officer - though, was not based on AASD info
- 6. Succession Plan
 - “Soft Search” for next Superintendent of AASD
 - As early as fall 2017; as late as fall 2018

Upcoming Business

1. April Meeting: Council makeup & Recruitment
2. Budget for 2017-2018 school year

Next Meeting Dates

- April 11, 2017, 1:30-3:00, AASD Large Conference Room