

**The Center School
School Council Meeting - 10/26/22**

Attendance: Karen Wesley, Katherine Wang, Kathleen Konno, Jennifer How, Leah Cullinane, Shelley Dulsky, Lenore Zavalick

Public Comment: None

Principal's Report:

- Curriculum: Strong Teacher focus on Bridges implementation
 - Focus and Purpose of Bridges Math Curriculum
- Data: Roll-out of Renaissance & Schoolzilla Data Platforms
 - STAR Assessments are a new data tool that provides robust data on students in ELA and Math
 - Nearpod component of Renaissance (identifies and provides support for identified student needs)
 - Schoolzilla: data dashboard that will allow us to see all aspects of a student, including STAR assessments, attendance, MCAS, BAS data
- Culture: Finley the Fox, the PTO Halloween dance, the welcome back BBQ in August

Discussion:

- Renaissance Platform
 - Discussion of Renaissance Star Assessments and connection to classroom academic content.
 - Assessments are benchmarks and only one data point.
 - We are continuing to use BAS reading assessments.
 - Questions and answers were discussed regarding how teachers use data to make instructional decisions to meet student needs.
 - Teacher use of data is a best practice for driving instruction.
 - The past few interrupted school years have shown that, in general, our students continue to do very well. Reading and writing skills are always a priority and this data will guide instruction as we ensure that all students are becoming proficient.
 - The frequency of testing was discussed.
 - Three times a year for BAS and STAR, CBMs for grades K-2
- Specialists' Report (Leah Cullinane - Art):

- We are staying unified and positive, and some staff changes. But we loved the in-person Back-to-School Night. Coming off the pandemic has been different since it caused some of us (Leah, for example) to change curriculum.
- Special Education Report (Jen How):
 - It has been nice for Special Education educators to get together in person and discuss math differentiation and ways to look at data. Our building houses a lot of programs, and we feel a lot of community support.
- School Improvement Plan (Principal Dulskey):
 - Shared draft of SIP and discussed the connection to the NRSD Strategic Plan and Core Values.
- Future School Council Topics
 - Kathleen - last year was focused on reports.
 - Katherine - we were going to be looking at gaps between learners, but we didn't get to it, and we should
 - Leah - transparency around structural changes

Closing:

Shelley reiterated how excited she is to work with everyone and how grateful she is for how leaders and staff across the district are ready and willing to work together. Leah commented that is felt across the district, and the alignment that is starting to happen is exciting and refreshing.