

Dummerston Leadership Council

Meeting Minutes from: 4/11/24

In attendance: Deb, Carmen, Jessica, Julianne, Kim, Maeve, Emily Wagner, Ellen, Hannah, Michelle Green, Melissa

- I. 5:02
- II. Approved
- III. Julianne:
 - A. Budget is still coming in through other towns, we are waiting to see what the yield will be. Contingency plan 2% freeze.
 - 1. Reduce library/tech from 5 days to 3 days (melissa is retiring)
 - a) Is there a possibility that it could be less than 2%? Unsure
 - B. VTCAP is happening- push to complete prior to april break. Students have been "plugging along with it".
 - C. FIT team meets tomorrow at 8
 - 1. Events coming up and volunteer opportunities
 - D. Spelling bee kids...
- IV. Deb Board updates:
 - A. Storage of substitutes is on the agenda. Deb is looking to keep it on the board radar keeping it on the agenda going forward for an update.
 - B. 2024 annual report. Academic proficiency score.
 - 1. Next meeting april 30th...
 - C. Details about 2% freeze - per school site. Would like to see it be school specific.
 - D. Admin retreat conversation about cost. Can it be done locally?...
 - E. End of year appreciation. What can be done beyond platters of cookies.
 - 1. Additional conversation about what teachers would like to see. A lunch would be great too, a sandwich, and cookies and or fruit
 - 2. Even in the fall too, early november a pick me up...
 - 3. Also a card from the school to each school signed by the board members.
 - F. Policies are coming up. The links for the revisions are on the agendas
 - 1. Working on student conduct and discipline policy.
- V. Results from our survey
 - A. As of now only 10 have completed the survey
 - 1. Volunteer core work
 - 2. 54.5% work with Div. Equity Inclusion team & FIT
 - 3. 36% vans, transportation issue
 - a) Seek grants and what would it look like

- b) If we bring it to the board, we should strategize with other towns to bring a voice to the board together.
 - 4. 18% farm to school
 - 5. 9%
 - 6. Gender freedom policy is being introduced, discussion was had on the policy committee.
 - B. Draft How might we statements for the top 2 topics. Agree on next steps for training
 - C. We discussed what our hopes are for the top two choices. We want to talk about what done looks like
- VI. April 30th - Ellen, Carmen, May 14th - Hannah,
- VII. Request to the board
- A. Can the district please buy some vans for travel to be used by schools in the district. For games, field trips, activities
 - B. The board should reschedule their board meeting so that the members can attend graduation
 - C. This board is a committee to inclusion of all kinds, so our first project is committed to focusing on creating competency relating to an LGBTQ+ environment.

Graduation - Tuesday, June 11th @ 6:00 -

Dummerston Leadership Council Monthly Communication to School Board	
1-3 Things we celebrate/appreciate this month about our school:	● VT Cap Testing is going well. A lot of effort has gone into scheduling and supporting students with the testing. Students are working hard to complete the testing. ● We've had a lot of successful field trips to Latchis, Brattleboro Museum, Brattleboro Food Coop, Walker Farm, and Landmark College for the Putney Central School performance of Wonka. ● Student-led conferences were a success and shared the amazing things they have accomplished with their families and staff. ● 3 of our students Taz Hand, Lily Arnold, and Rowen Brickley

	represented Dummerston School at the Vermont State Spelling Bee on March 28th at Middlebury College.
1-3 Topics worthy of discussion at the most recent LC meeting and amongst our school community:	• DLC discussed selecting its group goals. We used a survey to collect information from the group's brainstormed ideas to select the majority preference. • We are committed to inclusion and diversity and equity of all kinds. Our first project to increasing inclusion at our school is to focus on creating competency related to LGBTQIA+ community members. Next steps: Draft a document of how to recruit a group for training for ACT 1, Developmental Designs Training, etc.
Communications from LC members to our School Board:	
Questions for the School Board:	Can the school board change their board meeting on June 11th so that the board can attend the various graduations and celebrations on June 11 throughout the district?