

## **APPROVED June 15, 2022 MINUTES**

Primary Library **District Council Meeting 3:45-5:00** 

Roles:
Facilitator: Roni Puglisi

Members:			
Gisela Armbruster – Teacher	Sarah Mack – Parent		
Shawn Baldwin – Parent	Dawn Pierson – Parent		
Heather Boyle – Teacher	Roni Puglisi – Administrator		
Tiffany Doan – Student	Darcy Ross – Teacher		
Linda Izzo – Teacher	Kristina Sykes – Teacher		
Carrie Goodell – Administrator	Staci Thibodeau – Administrator		
Victoria Hudson - Parent	Mindy Wade – Teacher		
Andrew Kovaleski – Student			

Guests: Keary Pender, ECS Principal; Heidi Robb, Primary Principal; Karen Finter, Director of Math and Science

Op	Opening 2 min.			
1	Welcome	Roni	3 min	Time was provided to review the minutes from the previous district council meeting.
2	Approve minutes of 00/00/2019	N/A	0 min	Minutes were approved by Gisela Armbruster and Linda Izzo
3	Review agenda	Roni	3 min	

Gu	est Presentation		15	
4	Karen Finter			<ul> <li>Federally-Funded Title Grant Programs in VCS</li> <li>Karen Finter is the VCS Title Grant         Administrator</li> <li>Shared differences between Title I,II,III, IV</li> <li>Shared process for determining how students         are identified for Title I intervention; Process         reviewed two to three times per year</li> <li>Parent involvement occurs through formal         notification of intervention and annual         meetings (e.g., SDM, building events),         progress is communicated throughout the year</li> <li>Federal programs are monitored routinely by         NYSED</li> </ul>
Old	l Business		10 min	
5	Shared Decision Making Training Recommenda tions		10 min	<ul> <li>Reviewed draft District Council         Recommendations created at May 2022         District Council meeting</li> <li>Recommendations focused on Teachers'         perspective, Parent perspective, and         considerations to Leadership/Council         Facilitators</li> <li>Council was in agreement with draft         recommendations; Roni will share this         information with Karen Finter and Dr.         Terranova</li> </ul>
Nev	w Business		35 min	
6	Update from Building Councils	Guests/ Council Member Updates	25	• ECS: Keary Pender shared the process for how the Building Council created the building level goals. From the process, the feedback from teachers and families was on how to support the social-emotional health and skills of the learners. The council used the CASEL framework to give direction to the work the council participated in. The goals were divided into different competencies that provided direction for each meeting. Practiced

grade-appropriate social skills, culminating in a school-wide buddy class activity; Provided resources for families to access over the summer to continue SEL growth  • PRI: Refine systems of support that meet the needs of all students; Each month focused on parent communication/resources and read alouds tied to monthly topic
• INT: Initially, the team wanted to revisit and review the master schedule. The team decided to halt this work to better coordinate with the strategic plan. The council shifted its focus to providing books to the community book room. In addition, the council analyzed the technology priorities, skills, and behavior. The council reviewed how student technology usage has shifted over time through surveys to plan for targeted technology education for educators, students, and families.
• JH: Focus on social development and building a sense of unity and citizenship; Focus on student character development through shared positive experiences (e.g., Kahoot trivia during lunch), R3 initiative (i.e., Catch kids upholding expectations and rewarding them with R3 stickers); Students could cash in stickers, earning 10 pizza parties and nearly 70 donut parties.
SH: Open House - survey results showed a strong desire to maintain the current format and allow visitors to hear directly from instructors and visit classrooms according to a set schedule; discussion of parent forum opportunities for a greater emphasis on the SEL needs of students and how parents can assist at home. Potential forum presentation

7	Review District Council Goals	All	10 min	topics were generated. Counselors developed a presentation on effective study skills and habits that was presented to all students as a result of this discussion; Recognition of two VSHS Building Council Outstanding Student Award winners at Awards Night; discussions about the VCSD Code of Conduct, in particular the suggested expansion of inappropriate language to include "discriminatory" and "hate speech."  Reviewed building council goals at beginning and end of school year  Develop SDM training for 2022  Seek feedback regarding SDM training  Collect feedback for next SDM training  Reviewed Code of Conduct  Received updates on Capital Improvement Project, Strategic Planning, SEL, Curriculum and Instruction  Consider rationale and make recommendation for bringing SDM Councils together at a different time of year
C	Closing		10 min	
8	Review assigned tasks / Approve minutes via email	Facilitator	5 min	Council members will provide feedback about draft minutes via email to wrap up the year.
9	Parking Lot	Facilitator	5 min	Provide notice to buildings when Code of     Conduct is reviewed next year to seek     feedback from the building regarding possible     revisions
1 0	Roundtable	All	5 min	Thank you, Roni! Thank you to all teachers, students, parents and administrators on the Council. It has been a great group!