

PFO General meeting 11/14/2017

Number present: 20

1. Election of open board positions

- a. Treasurer: Angie Oler
- b. Members-at-Large: Quin Cary, Perla Gutierrez

2. Principal Update

- a. Additional resources for support staff positions will be coming from the district
 - i. Don't know the specifics yet, but will likely be hiring new staff
- b. Updates on the 5th grade teaching team will be coming soon
 - i. There has been lots of support from central office to provide counseling services as needed and talk with kids in groups and individual
 - ii. There have been intentional interventions with 5th grade, but also included any grade level that needed it

3. Community School Presentation - Sami Clausen-Ruppert

(Please take a look at the link to the slides of Sami's presentation)

- a. General description of a community school and what the ultimate goals are
 - i. A transformation of the way we do school
- b. Started with a needs assessment of the school population
 - i. Information sources included school demographics, academic performance, behavior referrals, conversations with families, staff and students, city of Fitchburg reports
 - ii. Mission statement was created
- c. 12 major needs identified
 - i. From these identified 3 priority areas
 1. Academic support for African American, Latino, low income students in literacy and math
 2. Out of school time programming
 3. Opportunities for people of color and diverse backgrounds to be in positions of power within the school
 - ii. created coordination plans to work on the priority areas
- d. Sami is able to work closely with the city of Madison, neighborhood contacts to coordinate different needs and resources
- e. Challenges
 - i. Connecting and engaging staff
- f. Question from the audience: What is the long term outlook/sustainability?
 - i. CUNA mutual group has funded \$500,000 towards community schools.
 - ii. There are additional people working on fundraising.
 - iii. The feeling from the district is that they are very committed to the model. The needs won't go away.
- g. Question: What are future growth plans to other elementary schools vs middle schools?

- i. Sami encourages Leopold families to write to the community schools manager to encourage growth to middle schools
- h. Anyone is welcome to the Community school committee meeting
 - i. Next meeting on Dec 20th, 5:50-7:30 at the Fitchburg Library
- i. Leopold will be a Tri 4 Schools site this year - will train kids for triathlons
- j. Working on improving communication and sharing all the is going on with Community School