

## Natchaug School Governance Council Meeting

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-8:10 am

**Attendance:** Andrea Gonzalez, Anjana Tihaiya, Eben Jones, Ara Wilnas, Courtney Patterson, Odalis Padilla, Michelle Dupuis

- **Welcome/Introductions**-all members introduced themselves.
- **Review of mission of SGC**-created by Public Act 10-11 to connect parents and school staff to work together to support student achievement. We are always focused on student achievement. We work in an advisory capacity with the building administrator. We look at achievement data, including state and district data to see how students are progressing. We will also be looking at Natchaug's budget together and looking at resource allocation. We will look at our school's strategic plan and school goals. We may also develop school compacts.
- **Staffing structure of programs**-1 of 4 elementary schools in Windham-we are accredited, approximately 285 students, four different programming tracks here: Dos Rios-Dual Language, Unilingual track, 2 district programs-STRIDE and Camino Alto. Demographics 75-80% Hispanic, we have an international feel-many cultures and countries are represented here. It speaks to our diversity and strengths. About 50% of our staff is Hispanic. We are identified as a school with high needs-special ed students and language learners. 2017-2018 we were a school of distinction for top 10% of student growth. American Reading Company-Reading program; Eureka Math-new math program. We are doing Social Emotional work and focus on Responsive Classroom; review of the pillars of Responsive Classroom and RC parent component; COVID year-virtual teaching and Google tracker; we are the downtown school and community partnerships are a big strength for us-United Way readers, United Way grandmothers, Barbara McClintock, Kerri Gallery, Windham Tech, WHS, ECSU, UCONN, Big Brothers Big Sisters, VH1, Parks & Rec, WPL, WFD, Soup Kitchen, .....to name a few.
- **School consolidation**-There is talk of trying to improve fiscal responsibility. We have referendums on school budgets and have a hard time passing the budgets. Dr. Youngberg wants to close a school and restructure the buildings, possibly making a K-2 school, 3-4 school and relocating grade 5 students to the middle school.
- RC Pillars-parent component-covered in discussion on staffing structures.
- Next meeting topics
  - School Strategic Plan

**Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 am**