

Shared Decision Making Team

10-17-13

Present: Alison Scanlon, Jocelyn Worrell, Matt Malone, Jennifer Warner, Robin Schiavoni, Donna Denon

- Introductions
- Learn more about each other
- Set objectives for our team
- Goal is for higher achievement and setting goals for improvement in our schools
- Our goal is to identify some objectives that would lead to higher achievement and greater performance district wide
- Big part of a SDM team is to be collaborative, and that everyone's opinion is important
- To work hard to create consensus with respect to our decisions
- Make recommendations to the BOE and the Superintendent
- Identify roles as team members (notetaker, facilitator, time keeper)
 - Keep meetings to one hour

Questions?

1. How many times will we meet? (4 times during the year recommended, but not set)
2. Do we envision several objectives at once or one at a time? (if we can reach consensus on one topic that we feel strongly about and divide up the work/research)
3. How do we start the process? (Matt gave examples of ideas that may be considered)

Brainstorming Session

- Enhance Curriculum
- Morning Program utilization
- Targeted instruction in the classroom with common core
- Improve PTA
- Improving in class library, subject specific
- Creating a curriculum specific reading list
- (Liaison with JJML, Goat on a Boat, Whaling Museum)
- Structure of MP, use themes during the week that support on-going cultural studies-educational but fun
- Transitioning from 5th to 6th grade, planning for parents, students and staff.

- **Flexible classroom model-(helps with challenges related to the common core, grouping by level, longer periods, targeted areas-possible 3, 4, 5th grade, providing an opportunity to enhance the curriculum)**
- Gifted and Talented Model, Honors or Accelerated Program
- Survey Parents on how they feel about a new model
- Forming a relationship with the Pierson SDM Team
- Summer Academy for students to explore their passions (art, science, language, cooking, etc.)

Consensus: Flexible Classroom Model

How can we move ahead to explore the topic?

Research model for enhancement

- Academic benefits to students
- Social-Emotional Considerations
- Implementation model
- Survey Parents/Staff
- Create the Questions for the survey
- Look at schools with similar demographics with the model (Matt and Donna)
- Staffing implications/Financial

Looking Ahead

Create a google docs account for the SDM team

Next Meeting

December 2, 2013

3:30-4:30