

Warren Prescott K-8 School  
School Site Council Meeting  
December 13, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

Staff in Attendance: Mrs. Davis, Ms. Hunter, Karen Sholz, Ms. Elias (?)

Parent Sign-In: Christina Perkoski, Danajean Stewart, Cara Bradley, Neda Vander Strep, Stephen Vander Strep, Gina Haidasis, Nicole Day, Christy MacLetchie, Kate Ness, Stephanie Guagadano, Janna Donahue, Tim Talbot, Krista Gomez,

The meeting was opened with introductions around the room.

#### School Site Council By-Laws Update

Kate Ness reviewed proposed updates to the School Site Council by-laws. There was no opposition to making the changes, so the by-laws will be changed and reprinted. Copies of the initial by-laws and proposed changes were distributed to all in attendance.

#### Quality School Plan

Karen Scholz shared the details of the WP Quality School Plan (QSP). A QSP is school improvement plan that all schools are required to create by Massachusetts law. A Powerpoint presentation was reviewed during the meeting and that should be referenced for information about the plan. Some highlights:

- K2 teachers are sharing data with K2 parents to help parents understand where children there children are academically, where they should be and where they are expected to be by the end of the year. Parents have been given a sight word game to play with students make the learning fun and reinforce classroom teaching.
- There continues to be collaboration across K2 classrooms to share best practices

#### Leader in Me

Danajean Stewart presented on a program called "The Leader in Me." The program is based on the Seven Habits of Highly Successful People and its goal is to foster leadership development and school improvement. The program takes 4 years to implement and costs between \$7500 and \$15000/annually. The program is designed to be built into current academics and is not another subject. Parents were interested in the program - concerns were raised about cost, sustainability. No decision was made on moving forward.

#### School Start & End Times

When this meeting was held, BPS had just announced new start and end times for all BPS schools. The new WP times were 8:15 - 2:55. Since this meeting, BPS has reversed itself and all start times will remain as current.

#### Student Activity Accounts

At the time of the meeting, there had been numerous news reports about the misuse of funds in Student Activity Accounts at several BPS schools. Mrs. Davis and Lindy Williamson shared how funds are accounted for at the WP and which accounts hold money for each type of expense. The WP system has been used as a model for others schools.

**Warren Prescott School**  
**Site council meeting**  
**January 10th 2018**  
**Meeting minutes**

Staff in attendance- Ms. Davis, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Elias, Lindy Williamson

Parents in attendance -Ames Forish, Jessica Nolan, Mairan Marshall, Raghida Jeramain, Neda and Stephen Vander Stoep, Nicole Day, Lindy Williamson, Beth Merle, Emily Burkes Nassiter, Kate Ness, Stephanie Guadarno, Ricky Stern (E inc)

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**E Inc. presentation with Ricky Stern**

Science, knowledge and action organization. Goal is to bring science to kids early to help the planet and teach kids about science. Kids who do not understand science can get left behind. Kids in Boston are failing science. Testing starts in 5th grade. E inc is targeting larger systems like BPS and work along side of the science teacher. Plus schools are a gathering place for kids and in schools kids can make change. Program is called kids green their schools. It is one resource a year. The idea is ongoing conservation. Hoping to do a parent night this year so parents can see what the kids have been working on. Currently working with St. Johns, Eliot, Harvard Kent and Good Shepard. Plus they have a Summer camp. E inch does what they do because The planet is in massive trouble. Starting with water, we keep cutting down trees which is impacting our water supply. Next up, Garbage, we (USA) are running out of options for where to put our garbage. Other countries are not longer going to want to buy it from us so it is going to become our problem. Need to start thinking sustainability. E inc will be having a parent night at WP as they are currently working with our 5th-8th graders. [info@einc-action.org](mailto:info@einc-action.org).

### **Budget review**

Ms. Davis shared her partnership concerns for the next school year and explained how our partnerships work. Regitta explained how City connects works. Our spanish teacher was cut to .6 for next year however Ms.Davis is using WP money to pay for the remaining amount.

### **ByLaws updated**

Handed out the most recent ByLaws for all to see that updates have been made

### **Update on Spring fling**

Lana, Abby and their team are in the throws of planning. Most urgent is to have parents become friend of WP and donate \$100