

**Warren Prescott K-8 School
School Site Council Meeting
May 2018
Meeting Minutes**

6:10 - Mrs. Davis welcomed participants and introductions were made around the room.

On the Agenda

- School Communications
- Annual Uniform Policy Review
- Updates

School Communications

The SSC previously discussed the variety of tools used to communicate information to families. It was agreed that part of this meeting would be used to look at some new tools and try to come up with a communication strategy. Ms. Hunter shared handouts and presentations on Kaymbu (currently used by K1 and K2), Class DOJO, Shutterfly and Bloomz.

Kaymbu - Ms. Elias commented that it's a good tool for the younger students, but may not be suitable for the older students. Parents agreed that it was easy to use and they enjoy seeing pictures of their children and the classroom when the updates are sent.

Shutterfly - Shutterfly can be very cumbersome for teachers who are not tech savvy or just don't have the time to manage the classroom site. It does work well for Class Parents when sending out messages, but that can be accomplished in other ways. It was determined that Shutterfly may just be too much work and that the site may just have more features that our teachers need to get the information out to parents. It also doesn't have a text function which many parents feel is quite helpful.

Class DOJO - not a hit

Bloomz - Participants asked for more information about Bloomz and would like to see a prototype classroom set up. A concern was that it may not provide translation - a needed feature. Ms. Hunter will research.

SSC participants agreed that the most important factor in selecting a classroom communication tool is what do teachers need and want.

Annual Uniform Policy Review

There will be no changes to the current WP uniform policy. The uniform policy is currently enforced in a very age appropriate way and will continue to be enforced as such.

Discussion of the uniform policy led to a discussion about detention at the Warren Prescott. Detention is only used in Grades 4 and up and can be used as a tool to enforce the uniform policy. Mrs. Davis gave an overview of the process - if a student is given detention the following steps are taken:

1. A letter is sent home prior to the date of detention
2. Parents are asked to sign off on the letter
3. Detention is served and logged

If a student fails to appear for detention a second detention is added on. Mrs. Davis asked SSC participants for feedback on denying Field Day to students who skip/don't make up detention. Participants agreed that she should have and use that option.

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