

Urban Science Academy
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2017
6:15 – 7:45

Attendees

Jeff: Headmaster
Olinka: Student Affairs & Engagement Coordinator
Benita: Teacher, OneGoal Program Director
Deborah: Grandmother
Nadine: Parent

Overview of the role of school site council reading and review (Olinka)

- no questions
- personnel subcommittee is the hiring committee (most active early spring)

Meeting schedule:

- Thursday evening 1 x per month
- 6:15 – 7:45p
- Sometimes an extra meeting around budget time

Agreed to by all

- Next meeting November 16th ; rescheduled for November 30th

Review accountability data

- 85% of students scored proficient or advanced in English language arts (2017 preliminary MCAS data)
- One of the largest CPI gains in the district in ELA
- Largest CPI gain in math (2016-2017) in the district
- Making above average expected growth (ELA)
- Significant decline in the number of students who failed math MCAS compared to previous two years (decline = 2/3 less)
- Failure rate cut in half on science MCAS
- Graduation rate above district average. From 60% to 70%

Overview of school wide initiatives

- Instructional focus (read and reviewed)
 - o Quality school plan: strategic plan for bringing instructional focus to fruition.
- OneGoal update: after 10th grade year, w/ established pattern.
 - o 13 seniors on track to graduate; 12 to 4-year colleges (all OneGoal partners). Remote advisor w/ goal to ensure students persist through 1st year.
 - o 21 juniors enrolled, all are on track to be accepted into a 4-year program. 2 days a week SAT practice. Network and find scholarships based on family profile and interests. Mitigate imposter phenomenon

- Quincy College Dual Enrollment Program Partnership:
 - o started this summer, \$20k grant from ESE. 28 completed the program; two of the 28 earned Quincy College credits.
 - o Dual enrollment courses are offered during the school year at USA.
 - Currently offering: English comp course, pre-calc, and statistics course.

Upcoming events

- October fest (Oct. 27th) –dance, movie, snacks, \$3
- Oct. 27th – Puerto Rico fundraiser
- Bake sale Oct. 30, breast cancer awareness month
- BPS Open House (Bolling Building) Oct 28th
- Homecoming Nov. 9th at the school 7pm-10:30 (\$10 in adv. \$12 at the door)
 - o Transportation/ shuttle buses
- Term 1 ends (Nov. 9th)
- School store (fundraiser): student run, business entrepreneurship course
 - o Sell - snacks, home cooked meals
- Thanksgiving pot luck November 22
- School showcase: December 9th
- Science week: January 14, 2018

Next meeting

- Continue reviewing Program updates