

Notes from School Council
4/2/19

Where are we?

DICE - Nira

- Longevity & sustainability
- Next Wed., DICE meeting
- Thinking about structure; we've accomplished a lot and talking about how to make it sustainable
- Should there always be a designated DICE person on School Council?
- District-wide equity committee; not sure of how many reps (Ihssane Leckey on it)
- Which parents were selected to be on it?
- Mindfulness question - Rhodinne & Joe have done a lot of work to get info on opportunities for Mindfulness training
 - Target grade band: 5th & 6th
 - Skills they gain there to apply to grades 7/8
 - Opt-in training for teachers, not overwhelming or too much time/money
 - Looking into Benson Henry Mass Gen Hospital & Boston Buddha
- Schoolwide community service effort through DICE
 - Student group has started working on community service
 - Opportunity to support
- Everything is set to repeat: Lawrence Reads, Community dialogues
- Would DICE rep be a separate person or dedicated DICE committee member on School Council with different areas of focus who gives possible 3-min. Update
- We must give it time (Monica); if we believe it has an impact on the group, then we give it time; Monica's vision is that we continue with it.
- Monica- n meantime, talk to DICE peers and let them know there'll be an open seat.
- If they're interested in serving on school council, put their name in the ring

Handbook

- We've begun making official changes
- Code of conduct informing handbook
- Goal is to streamline
- We've whittled down the table of contents to general categories
- Another - arrival and dismissal
- Weeding and planting
- If we want this for the fall, it'll take a little more time and more pieces to put together

Policy?? Committee

- Monica will send test survey to school council within next day or so
- Does the email sound good? Is the format good? Do the questions make sense?
- Give feedback so they can tweak and share with general public

- Return comments via email to th group
- We will send email today to school council members. Open link and read, click on responses (doesn't matter) and give feedback
- Monica will send reminder on April 12th before vacation.
- On Tuesday after April break, Monica will send reminder to family
- By April 26th, survey due and will tabulate results for May