

# Lawrence School Council – Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: October 2, 2017

5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** Tom Bushy, Paula Albanese, Grace Simpkins, Sean Sullivan, Cheryl Giardi and Francine Daggett

*September Minutes Approved*

## **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

### **1. Meet the Teacher Night:**

- Always trying to improve on this event – Tom received good feedback:
  - Parents seem to like going classroom-to-classroom, following their child's schedule, and meeting the teachers.
  - There is debate about reducing the time of this event; if any changes are made, it would most likely be reducing the group time in the auditorium.
- Tom mentioned some event dates/times were put on the Lawrence Informational Sheet which is mailed out to families in August. He is going to deter from doing this in the future, since some of the dates/times changed and caused some confusion to families.

### **2. School Improvement Plan:**

- Principals at Morse Pond, Lawrence and Falmouth High School will be presenting at the October 24<sup>th</sup> School Committee Meeting.
- Tom shared that he would be highlighting the below at his presentation:
  1. Effectiveness of Advisory
  2. Wellness & Health
  3. Walking Track
  4. Potential for a recess option
- School Committee Liaison, Terry Medeiros, came by our 10/2 meeting to briefly introduce herself to the Lawrence Council.

### **3. Attendance:**

- Attendance is not where Tom would like it to be; although, there is hope that the partnership with McLean Hospital will help with the some of the attendance issues.
- McLean will be working with teachers to provide strategies for those students needing help with coping, depression, and anxiety issues.

### **4. Bull Dog Bucks Fundraiser:**

- The PTO is coordinating the Bull Dog Bucks Fundraiser. New PTO members are excited for this annual fundraiser and plan to rev-up the enthusiasm this year – The goal is to reach \$30K.
- Packets and tickets are going out on October 3<sup>rd</sup> – PTO needs to discuss incentives and prizes with Tom and possibly a larger prize option if the \$30K is met.

*Meeting adjourned 5:47 p.m.*

**The Next School Council Meeting is scheduled for:** Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.