

## Winthrop SGC 2/28/2022 Notes

Dates of future meetings (Mondays at 3:20):

(September 20, 2021)	(*January 24, 2022 (4 <sup>th</sup> Mon)-cancelled by COVID)
(October 18, 2021)	*February 28, 2022 (4 <sup>th</sup> Mon)
(November 15, 2021)	March 21, 2022
(December 20, 2021- cancelled)	*April 25, 2022 (4 <sup>th</sup> Mon)
	May 16, 2022

### **In Attendance (term expiration dates to be finalized in future bylaws discussion):**

Loret Dubac-Shiplee (parent, term expires November 2022?)

Amy Broad, Chair (teacher, term expires November 2022)  
Sue Beres (teacher, term expires November 2022)  
Lorie Daniel (teacher, term expires November 2022)  
Carrie Romanauskas (teacher, term expires November 2022)

Paula Keegan (community partner, term expires November 2022)

Carla S. Fontes-Alers, Principal  
Christine Neary, Assistant Principal

### **Absent:**

Keshana Wiggins (parent, term expires November 2022)  
Ana Badolato (parent, term expires June 2022)  
Denise Pitter (parent, term expires June 2022)

Laura O'Shaughnessy (teacher, term expires November 2022)  
Jen Hayes (community partner/teacher, Lighthouse, term expires November 2022)

### **Primary focus of School Governance Council (SGC):**

**To make sure kids are safe, happy and learning.**

The meeting started at 3:25.

We met in the former PAC room, soon to be a classroom (I think?).

### **School Climate:**

School climate excellent. Lots going on. Everyone is excited to get back to normal activities, essay contests, teacher and student activities. Enthusiasm and school spirit is high. Winthrop has had NO OSS (out of school suspensions, ISS (in school suspensions and EXP (students expelled) incidents thus far. Mrs Neary shared the district numbers for those events.

### **Events:**

Dr. Seuss week included PJ Day.

Twos-Day was on 2-22-22.

Two 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes had a stellar showing in the district-wide math winter Olympics.

There was great manufacturing event with the advanced manufacturing mobile lab from UB.

3 Winthrop city wide science fair winners now move on to the statewide event.

There are lots of clubs, supported by an enrichment grant developed in response to Covid:

Coding, Gardening, Life Skills, Cheerleading, Debate, Volleyball, and more.

March 4<sup>th</sup> is MLK event at Fairfield U.

Also on March 4 is an Aquaculture event.

PAC has a paint and sip night coming up 3/7.

March is Diversity and Kindness Month. March 11 is SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) Day. There will be door decorations and activities that pair older kids with the younger students (like Book Buddies).

There will be rock painting.

Mrs. Broad's class goes Friday on their first field trip since before Covid.

Washington DC trip for gr 6/7/8 coming up in April.

Spelling Bee coming up April 23.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Nature's Classroom for TAG students is April 6.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in a "Tiny Houses" city event.

PreK/K will have the first of four puppet shows about nutrition and healthy choices March 24.

Looking into Spring Grams.

Looking into a Cereal Drive and making simple blankets to give away.

Parent Square the new communication platform for parents is going well.

School Store is on hold until next year (space issues). May start buying some school store things now, and start clearing the hockey equipment in the school store space.

Uniform ordering went well. We noted the school should have some spare uniforms for emergencies.

Also, the school will explore a uniform exchange.

We spoke about the ELL learners at Winthrop. There are 146 Brazilian Portugese speakers with one professional for ELL (English Language Learners). Fortunately, there are four staff members, including Mrs. Alers, who can speak Brazilian Portugese. Mrs Beres noted 25 percent of her class does not speak English. Fortunately there are a lot of partnerships with parents and teachers helping the students.

#### **Membership/Elections:**

Tracking down and clearing up membership questions as they pertain to our by-laws, and updating our bylaws will be addressed.

#### **Old Business/New business:**

The Yearbook is moving forward. There is an online platform for ads from businesses and families.

#### **Agenda items for next meeting:**

School Climate

SGC positions/elections update

Get back on track to review draft bylaws including issues brought up at the last meeting before COVID (see SGC meeting notes of February 10, 2020, emailed to SGC members 17 February 2020)

Events

Adjourned 4:30pm

Paula Keegan