

Green Street School Leadership Council Minutes April

The Greens Street School Leadership Council met at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 8th. The meeting convened at 6:05 pm. In attendance were Kate Margaitis, Lauren Brown, Erin Wessel, Christina Howe, and school board member Matt Schibley.

Principal Margaitis gave an overview of the recent Panorama survey given to students in grades 3-6. The results were presented in two groupings. First was grades 3-5, and second was grade 6. The Panorama survey introduces questions to students about how they feel regarding the school climate and safety. Students answer on a scale. The scale presents some challenge and bias because the mid-level responses are tiered as negative rather than neutral. The survey also holds potential bias in that it is given on one day only and can represent a bad day or week as a poor overall sense of being at school. The questions are given to all schools in the district, and Green Street's responses ranked at or above district level. 110 Green Street students participated in the climate survey. The 6th grade responses were more negative than the 3-5th grade responses. Some of this may be due to the emotional and social challenges that 6th graders develop as they age up. Regardless, the school intends to work these responses into their continuous improvement plan and bring the 6th grade students into the conversation by having morning meeting discussions and giving 6th graders some autonomy.

An example of the questions given to students in the district is, "How fair are the rules at school for students?" Responses can range from "Very fair" to "Not fair at all." Some students in 3rd grade may conceptualize the questions differently than students in 6th grade. The survey was only done once this year, in other year's it was given twice. Over time the responses may yield more answers that can guide staff and administrators on how to improve the climate at school.

School board member Matt Schibley updated the LC that a new WSESD board has been seated following the election in March. Kelly Price is Vice Chair, Matt Schibley the Clerk and the Chair is Deborah Stanford of Dummerston. The biggest news is that the budget passed successfully.

There being no other business or new business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 20th at 6pm
And Monday June 3rd at 7pm.