

The Green Street School Leadership Council was called to order at 6:05pm, on December 18th. In attendance: Lauren H., Erin W., Kate M., Christina H., and School Board Representative Matt Schibley.

The Principal's report showed that student behavior referrals from staff have decreased month over month. Aggressive, impulsive, and reactive behaviors are reported to be occurring in classrooms more than on the playground, which is a change from previous school years. Reinforcement with rewards for positive behaviors and a "reset" space in classrooms are helping improve student behaviors. There is a "buddy" bench on the playground that is re-conditioned as a "reset" bench for students who need the intervention during recess.

Classrooms are introducing "Calm Down Corners" as spaces where students go to practice mindfulness techniques that will help bring them back into the classroom with safe, responsible, and kind behavior.

Greenie cash is a reward for students who demonstrate safe, kind, and responsible behaviors. Greenies fill a jar, and when the jar is filled each classroom chooses a reward. When the school's jar is filled up there is an all school sing announcement and a whole-school celebration.

Additional training for paraprofessionals includes monthly meetings and professional development based around coregulating stress responses in children by understanding adult reactions and impacts on student behavior. The video "Trauma and the Incredible Hulk" by Jacob Hamm is recommended viewing for staff and adults.

Upcoming - Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) goals and action steps.

The Leadership Council meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm by Chairperson Christina Howe.

Helpful links:

Trauma and the Incredible Hulk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0FtfB4Co0k>

Building Bright Futures report:

<https://buildingbrightfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/State-of-Vermonts-Children-2022.pdf>

<https://buildingbrightfutures.org/2023-policy-recommendations/>

Acronym decoder:

<https://www.socialstudies.com/blog/20-educational-acronyms-every-educator-and-parent-should-know/>