

BLT Notes May 9. 2017

- Reviewed Norms
- Corrections to Garfield language usage
 - They don't use "Scholars"
 - That change was made in minutes
- Minutes approved
- BLT training for district is putting on (Site-based leadership) June 7 and 8
 - Focus is on how to use equity tool/ parent engagement
 - How schools are using equity piece
 - Can send up to four people
 - Parents can also come
- Discussed possible replacements for next year and putting it in the Pup Press
- There may be some small changes to Early Dismissals on Wednesdays next year
- BLT determine site specific plans
- Feedback discussed lunch time change
 - Meghan Kaloper gave sheet with feedback from specialists about lunch/recess change
 - Mentioned younger kids needing to eat sooner
 - Katie is making draft of school schedule
 - Making it with lunch first and then recess—younger kids first
 - Looked at younger kids have PCP later in afternoon
 - Looking at 10:40am for first lunch
 - Have each grade level what their schedule looks like
 - Kids should have 20 minutes to eat and have extra time to stand in line (required)
 - Planned for lunch first and 20 minute lunches
- Feedback for program name change discussion
 - Meghan Kaloper gave sheet of feedback about name change specialists
 - Other BLT members discuss split between people on changing the name
 - People brought up HCC and Peace Academy
 - Moving to approve name change—continuous with Washington Schools
- Thurgood Marshall Elementary Homework Policy Discussion
 - 50 percent of families participated in survey
 - 60% wanted homework
 - Work habits
 - Skills practice
 - Good Communication tool
 - Wrote homework policy from feedback in the survey
 - BLT discussed enforcement of homework or allowing parents to make that decision
 - Should teachers make resources for homework help for parents
 - Discussed teacher feedback vs. parent feedback and influence on students

- What amount of feedback is most beneficial for students
 - Staff will spend more time on homework policy
- Refresh on Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP)
 - Added homework policy under increasing family engagement
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 - Added parents are surveyed for their opinions
 - Added we have an instructional leadership-- team Staff involved in decision making
 - Need to set academic goals grounded in data
 - Include new ELA curriculum
 - Katie wants to work on mission and vision on (CSIP)
- Discussed teacher changes and where Thurgood Marshall is with staff considering budget considerations.