

Luther Burbank Middle School Council

Minutes

April 23, 2020

Time	Topic	Owner(s)	Process	Expected Outcomes
3:00	Public Comment	TBD	Information sharing	
3:05	Approve Minutes	TBD	Information sharing	Minutes will be read and approved.
3:10	Principal Update	Laura Friend	Information sharing	Update on school happenings, remote learning
3:15	Remote Learning	Laura Friend Sharon Poch Council Members	Information sharing and discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote Learning check in • Review Parent/Feedback Survey results • School community connections/communication – brainstorming • End of year celebrations/processes - brainstorming
3:45	Other			
<p>School Council Norms: Give honest/authentic feedback; contribute always Parent feedback/input is treated equally and needed All voices are encouraged, valued and respected Keep time in mind/remain goal oriented Be open to new ideas Be courageous</p>				

Notes:

Attendance: Maureen Principe, Lisa Sama, Melissa Carlson, Quintin Burks, Steve Grant, Sharon Poch, Laura Friend, Melanie Thulin, Judy Ursuliak,

Minutes: approved, seconded

Remote Learning:

- All three grades checking in with students
 - Adjusting
- Reality is sinking in
 - Sense of loss with all things that happen at the school
 - Sadness
 - Seeing the domino affect of the reality of the situation
- Quintin
 - As good as it can be
 - Competing emotions
 - Difficult with just the “idea” of students
 - Thankful to know he will see them again, empathizes with teachers in the transition years that will not have the opportunity to see their students again
 - Trying to make the learning as authentic as possible given circumstances
- Mel
 - Echoes Quintin’s feelings
 - Most difficult obstacle is not being able to work with students directly
 - Concerned about/aware of students’ emotions
 - Reaching out and supporting each student on caseload
 - Taking advantage of the situation and embracing new technology tool kit
 - Feeling closer to team through daily check ins
 - Trying to find balance to be best self
- Lisa
 - Positives:
 - Learning a whole new skill set
 - Discovered every piece of conservation land in Westford, getting to know own town
 - Enjoying comradery with team
 - Struggles
 - Not being able to see the students, frustrating not to be able to be “hands on” to walk them through their struggle

- Starting Google Meets with 7th grade next week
- Steve
 - Although the virtual connection is challenging, we have managed to create a robust remote learning environment

Community Feedback:

- Teachers are sounding like they are really “in” the classroom, very natural and connected
- People are very grateful for all that is being done and that the technology to participate is available
- A connection has been created for students that the people they can count on are there for them

Survey Results:

- Snapshot shows that the correct amount of time is being spent on remote learning
- 6th grade open ended survey showed that students generally felt they had someone to reach out to if needed

End of Year:

- Starting to draft lists of traditional end of year celebrations
 - 5th grade clap out
 - 8th grade recognition night
 - Move up day
 - Incoming 6th grade meet and greet
 - Field Day (possibly a district wide event)
- Looking for people to be part of planning
- Appreciate imagination and collaboration

Adjourned:

Next Meeting: May 21, 3:00 pm

