**WMS Site Council Meeting**

**11/20/2024**

**2:45-3:45**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**MINUTES**

Present: Brian Curley, Principal; Rachel Baxter, AP; other attendees not listed

* Vocal Survey
  + Goes back 10 years ago
  + Views of Climate and Learning Survey
    - All 8th graders: once they finish Science MCAS, they have to answer questions about the climate of the school
    - Engagement, safety, environment
    - From year to year, the questions are usually the same
    - Select student groups:
      * Information pulled from student information system to identify which student groups they are in
      * Breaks down the scoring for each group
    - Scaled scores based on favorable responses
      * Overall school score= 3 categories averaged in
      * Anytime 2-4 points or even more above the state= positive
      * All of our high needs groups, compared to most schools, are feeling comfortable in these 3 areas
      * We are above the state average
      * Looked at scores compared to Winchester, Woburn and Lexington, we were comparable
      * Out of 124 kids, they averaged out what the kids said and that is how they got some of the scores
* Compared to Spring 2023
  + We increased in all areas (great progress)
  + Culture of the building last year was positive
  + Last year was the best it's been for MCAS and for the Vocal Survey

* Thoughts on Survey Results?
  + Consistency of staff
  + Dynamics of students in the grade
  + Maturity and independence in 8th grade compared to 6th and 7th
  + 7th grade is a challenging year for students
    - Relationships
    - Emotional challenges
  + Cohorts?
    - 5th grade MCAS scores: Kirby and Carsley look at this data
    - S3 Academy: Whole Child Review
    - Look at what the reviews give us for data to determine interventions (i.e. Ice Block)
* Strategies to increase engagement with ML families/ML Support
  + Lions Bridge: Interpretation services - would this be possible to contract with at WMS?
  + 7th grade Piolet: ML Science and Ice Block
  + Features on PowerSchool?
  + Need to be creative
* Next Meeting (January 22nd)
  + Review goals
  + Goal around increasing ML engagement

Meeting Adjourned: 3:47

Minutes taken by Rachel Baxter