

Lilja School Council

Meeting: November 29, 2017

Present:

Jessica Brainerd
Anne Carothers
Kristy Fredericks
Sepi Golestani
Elise Gorseth
Eric Hochberg
Tim O'Hara
Sheetal Parikh
Sarah Quimby
Steven Untersee

Minutes

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from 10/30/17 were reviewed and approved.

Profile of a Graduate:

The Council split into groups of 3 and shared their personal Profile of a Graduate, looking for similarities and discussing differences. They also looked at the summary of the faculty group Profiles.

The Council then came back together. The group used the commonalities in their profiles, in conjunction with the consensus profiles of the faculty groups, to generate one Lilja profile draft. After much discussion, this draft profile was created and approved by the group:

- Critical Thinking
- Metacognition
 - Academic Mindset
- Content Mastery
- Communication
- Social/emotional competence:
 - Collaboration
 - Empathy
 - Flexibility & Adaptability
 - Social & Cross-cultural skills/Resilience
- Personal Responsibility
- Creativity

There was the most discussion about the 5th item. The subset skills seemed important, and groups members conceptualized which items nestled under others in very different ways. The group then coalesced around the idea that these reflected characteristics of “Social Emotional Learning”, and that SEL is such a key idea in elementary that it should remain as a cluster (and get a label not included in the “Profile” tool).

Review of Budget:

Ms. Carothers shared the general areas under the proposed budget; the process is still in early days, and there will be more specific information to share at a following meeting. At the elementary level, in the area of technology there were 3 important areas: additional devices for students, additional mounted projection systems, and a plan to replace old/outdated devices. Again, across the elementary level schools will be requesting additional literacy materials to match our curricular changes, as well as necessary general supplies. At Lilja, we are requesting the addition of one grade 1 teacher (to meet growing enrollment needs). In addition, there is current district discussion about the addition of a Special Education program.

Setting Next Agenda:

We will have a further budget update, and an update on the Profile of a Graduate work. Ms. Carothers will also included any further updates that arise before the next meeting.