

Minutes from SGC meeting on 11/29/16

**Council Functions/Tasks:**

- *SGC Norms:*
  - Open communication and sharing of ideas
  - Adhere to time and agenda
  - Active listening
  - Active participation
  - Be prepared
- School governance council to post agenda and minutes on school website, complete in both English and Spanish
- Council meetings will remain monthly, unless discussion of a substantial matter is necessary
- Council to continue to review and revise both parent involvement compact and school mission statement to enhance the inclusion of the dual language program, *Mano A Mano*.

**Topics Discussed:**

- Council members continued to review school improvement plan review, including theories to promote academic success as well as the tests used to measure students' performance
  - SBAC tests students' current academic capacity; level of difficulty progresses as student's grade level increases
    - test revealed substantial achievement gaps between Caucasian students vs minority groups
  - *Map assessment* is an adaptive test in which difficulty of questions adjusts to how students answer
    - Tests are given for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading/math/language usage
    - During skill locator test, skills navigator select skills specific to a student on particular skills that require support
      - Teachers work with students regarding skills selected whether they are underperforming or overachieving; students who are overachieving are not to remain stagnant but are challenged to their level.
  - *Dibels* is given to grade levels K-3 and tests their process of reading
    - For upper grade levels taking the test, the focus is to achieve fluency in reading with the expectation that basic skills have been met in kindergarten
- Schoolwide goal includes establishing who is responsible for students' success (i.e. teachers, administration, parents), how do we ensure success can be achieved, and by when; evidence of implementation
- In trying to promote the dual language program with students, it is important that teachers and parents regard students as emerging bilingual students, rather than treating the second language as another school subject

**Miscellaneous:**

- Parents outside of council are welcome to attend council meetings as spectators and are strongly encouraged to utilize section on school website designated to voice concerns or inquiry

**Next meeting:** December 15, 2016 @5:00-8:00 pm at Brien McMahon High School for SGC training