

## GSS Leadership Council Minutes 1-29-2024

On Monday January 29th the Green Street School Leadership Council was called to order at 6:05 pm. In attendance were Erin Wessel, Lauren Brown, Kate Margaitis, Matt Schibley, and Christina Howe. In the Principal's updates it was announced that long-time staff member Madame Charkes is retiring from her role as a French instructor. The Social Justice Equity and Inclusion league wrote a statement letter asking for Spanish language instruction. Spanish may be offered next school year. In other staffing news there are 3 open para positions.

National and State testing is scheduled. NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) is a national math and literacy assessment for the 4th grade. The testing will be held this coming Friday and take an estimated 60 to 90 minutes for students to complete.

VTCAP testing is statewide, and it will begin in April this year rather than May. Students in grades 3-6 will be assessed in Math and Literacy, 5th graders will also be assessed in science. Green Street Staff is organizing encouragement for students leading up to the standardized testing. Last year Green Street School reached 40% proficiency in VTCAP literacy testing.

Teaching staff from each grade level meet for benchmark presentations and discussions on student progress using math and literacy data from fall and winter benchmark tests. Staff are also working on trauma informed practices in PD (professional development) and introducing behavior intervention strategies for teachers to implement in classrooms and remove when needed. Wellness staff are training on identifying children who need MTSS or multi-tiered support systems in social-emotional learning.

The GSS building will be receiving a new roof with proper drainage. Currently there are ice buildups and leaks that compound from rain on top of existing ice and snow. The school had to close for one day due to sewage infrastructure failures.

In School Board updates, the budget is the largest topic aside from March elections for School Board Officers. Property taxes will be raised to support increases in budgeting. The school budget is also up for vote during elections.

Items for the next agenda include family involvement and questions raised by the school board for leadership councils.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.