

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WHITEFISH BAY

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The Whitefish Bay School District



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Re: Parent Representatives Sought for Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Design Committee

Our district evaluates and improves every curricular subject area on a six to seven-year cycle through the work of curriculum review committees. While whole child development has always been a priority for our students, beginning in the fall of 2018, we will engage in a strategic, systematic approach involving district and school leaders, school staff, and parent/guardian/community representatives. Typically, during curriculum review and design committees, one or two parents/community members serve on each committee. Beginning in fall 2018, planning in the area of K – 12th grade Social Emotional Learning will ensue.

During this committee process, the committee will develop a vision/belief statements, conduct a data analysis (e.g., including survey data, national/state data, review of Pupil Service Team's analysis of SEL frameworks/programs), and conduct SEL-related resources and needs assessment to inform goals/action planning moving forward. The committee will make a recommendation related to adopting an evidence-based framework(s)/program(s) for social emotional learning across grade levels.

The ultimate goal is to integrate SEL (into curriculum and instruction, school-wide practices and policies, family and community partnerships) as the research shows, successful implementation is not attained through stand-alone programs/lessons only, but rather integrated across the school day and beyond.

Per School Board policy, interested parents/community members must apply to participate on curriculum renewal and design committees. Applications are reviewed by the Administrative Council. Parents/community representatives are selected based on the following criteria:

1. Training, interest, or experience in this area
2. Reasons for wanting to be on this committee
3. Ability to contribute to meeting the goals set forth in the committee's purpose
4. Ability to attend scheduled meetings

The time commitment for representatives will involve 4 meetings. Meetings are held from 7:45-11:45 a.m. at the High School. Below are the dates for the upcoming school year:

- September 19th, 2018
- November 26th 2018
- March 8th, 2019
- May 24th, 2019

If interested in serving on this committee, please contact Dr. Stacy Gahan, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services, for an application at stacy.gahan@wfbschools.com or (414) 963-3924.