Meeting Minutes
School Leadership Team (SLT) Meeting
June 11, 2020 at 3:00PM via Zoom

Members in attendance: J. Fama, D. Kim, R. King, S. Lind, D. Mastriano, E. McHale, S. Pappas, D. Peterman, K. Ruffler, K. Savov, S. Stern, M. Storms

I.   **Call to Order**
   - The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

II.   **Principal Update**
   - Chancellor's update
      i.   There is a Return to School 2002 survey which will be sent out to – to be completed from June 12 through June 22.
      ii.   The budget is not out yet; a reduction is anticipated.
      iii.   Principal presented a preliminary School Building Reopening PowerPoint which involves blended learning, or split schedules (some live, in-person sessions and some remote sessions.) Possibilities include alternate days, alternate weeks, and a full-time remote option.
      iv.   At this time, the start date for such a plan to be implemented is unknown. There may be a staggered / phased opening for schools.
      v.   There will likely be staggered entry and dismissal times for each school.
      vi.   Every school will receive a unique plan based on the size of the school (ie: some elementary schools only have 150 students which would produce a different plan than the one for our school.) Given the unique circumstances of each school, at this time the plan is to let the school have some autonomy in this process.
      vii.   The faculty received professional development on June 9 where a variety of online learning platforms were reviewed.
      viii.   Discussion of departmentalize certain subjects as we normally do.
      ix.   Discussion of whether there will be options for families (unclear at this time). It is possible that the alternate schedule could be based on family needs – some students may need to be in every day if their parents are working / essential workers / etc.
      x.   There has been no discussion of masks yet at this time, just handwashing, cleaning and the reduced number of students in the building at a time.
      xi.   A lot of things to think about – how social distancing and reduced students will affect our teaching.

III.   **SLT in the time of Remote Learning**
   - CEP deadline will now be July 24 instead of June 30.
   - There will probably need to be more revisions based on these new plans and the results of the new surveys.
   - Discussion of holding off on a PS 166 initial survey because the DOE just announced they are releasing a survey, and how our survey could be adapted based on that survey.
   - Discussion of need to keep working on the CEP, reviewing it, adding comments to it, perhaps adding PD opportunities, etc.

- All SLT members are being asked to continue on through the fall and elections will happen in the fall.

IV.   <u>Diversity Education</u>

- Teachers are providing opportunities to discuss race and racism in the classroom – through read alouds and through the curriculum when opportunities arise.
- Staff came up with a lesson plan for the whole school which everyone participated in yesterday as part of Wellness Wednesday.
  - *Let's Talk about Race* book used which talks about identity, uniqueness, and what makes everyone special.
  - Various discussion questions gauged students' feelings and whether students might need additional support.
  - K-2 had one lesson plan and 3-5 had another plan. Some classes had breakout rooms in Zoom with the support of the school social worker.
  - This coincided with some topics / units of study for some grades / other subjects. For example, black artists were highlighted in art class.
- There was a discussion of the need to push this conversation forward and further and possibly we could use the support of outside facilitators, or train who could guide families and staff in continuing and furthering these conversations. An organization called *Raising Race Conscious Children* was suggested as one such organization to consider. Perhaps this is something the PTA could support financially.
- Implicit bias training happened last year but didn't roll out well.

V.   <u>Adjournment</u>

- The meeting ended at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin McHale
Secretary