

SLT Minutes
Wednesday, June 5th 2019 - 7:30 a.m.
School Library

Members: Kate Artibee, Heidi Bookman, Erica Drew, Eileen Fallon, Gerard Langston, Rachel Meltzer, Rohi Pandya, Giuliana Reitzfeld, Vanessa Samuels, Johanna Schiller, and Laura Scott.

Guests: Jane Kotapish and David Simmons.

(1) Call to order: meeting called to order at 7:50am.

(2) Review and approval of minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

(3) Schedule changes (SBO)

- K280 teachers did not ratify vote to start later than 8:20am (proposed was 8:30am);
- In discussions to re-vote this week;
- Other neighborhood schools with Pre-K may start later;
- Safety concerns about overlapping with other schools' start times (in same building);
- There is a half-day for kindergarten the first day for Fall 2019 (even though published calendar says full day); teachers will support the half-day plan.

(4) New SLT members

- Invite new members to final meeting;
- David Feller is new SLT parent member;
- Wendy Hernandez will be Title I rep;
- Ms. Mazzola will join as a teacher.

(5) Parent Engagement Night:

- Teachers are concerned with the venue for introducing next year's teachers/curriculum;
- Administration will be reviewing the format to make it more information-based versus highlighting particular teachers.

(6) Parent Surveys

- Response rate is low;
- To improve responses next year: have stations set up at school events, be more proactive about having parents fill it out in person (i.e. at events and PT conferences);
- Next year: SLT will request change in survey (make it shorter, make it easier to fill out, make code more accessible for online participation).

(7) HIV/AIDS Curriculum

- Gym teachers will implement this; it will be grade-appropriate;
- Laura reviewed curriculum with gym teachers;
- Post a link to the curriculum on Konstella so parents can review it.

(8) Title I

- Media interested in covering letter-writing event/images;
- Extra money:
 - used for starting parent section of library;
 - math afternoon event for parents (to tutor them on how to help with HW) on Thurs 6/13.

(9) Budget

- Lower enrollment induced budget cuts (~\$200k);
- Admin working to keep on all staff.

(10) School lunch concerns

- Administration met with student council and they gathered info from their classes;
- Feedback shows the issue is better;
- Laura will meet with student council this week to get more feedback;
- It was suggested to send a note home to parents about lunchroom policies;
- Administration should plan to check in with students and kitchen staff early next year about shortage; designate someone as a liaison with kitchen.

(11) Meeting adjourned at 8:30am.