SLT Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 7:30am

Via Zoom

Members: Barrett Braithwait, Gracen Cloud, Karen Cooper, Jenn Cribbs, Felicia DeVita, Glenda Erneste, David Feller, Jean Herubin (UFT rep), Rachel Katzman, Emily Klotz, Jane Kotapish, Maryanne Mazzola, Helean O’Driscoll-Ryan, Alyse Pecoraro, Dana Roth, Laura Scott

Guests: Ally Koziel, Maria Nunziata (Equity Team)

(1) Call to order: 7:32 am

(2) Approval of minutes: January 5th meeting minutes were approved.

(3) Budget Update (LS and AK):

 In great shape, trying to figure out how to spend the money.

-Admin might cover chess up to 5k (covers most of it for the year) and will take over E3 Sports (15k).

-We are ordering laptops and Chromebooks in case of remote learning. 4th and 5th grades are covered; now working on ramping up 3rd grade.

-Four classrooms have non-functioning Smartboards we are trying to replace at $1600-2k each.

-We are covering seven Kindergarten paraprofessionals.

-Could potentially give teachers spending money but deadlines are so soon that it’s tough. If we order supplies that don’t arrive on deadline, we lose the money.

If particular teachers need books or supplies, they should reach out to their grade supervisors directly, as there is money to spend.

-JC asked is there a way to contact DOE to advocate about this crazy loss of money through prohibitive deadlines. LS explained that Chancellor transition makes it tough. AK suggested drafting something and Admin will figure out where to send it.

-LS reports new chancellor is very forthcoming and has a Covid specialist on board. Denise Watson-Adin (former PS10 AP, current Prin PS32) currently heading into meeting with new Chancellor, principals and union members.

(4) Title 1 Update: (DF for JW):

-Survey result preferences, in order: Cultural performance (1/27 dragon dance); cultural bias (race/bias/bullying workshop TBD); social emotional support (workshop TBD); sex ed (Jeremy Hawkins of Packer or Rachel Lotus of Talk NYC.)

(5) Kids’ Corner (HR):

-HR stresses that mindfulness in the classroom is working wonders. JK: it’s available to every classroom per the CEP mandate that every child is presented with mindfulness curriculum. Teachers will all have another opt-in period in Feb.

(6) CEP/Data/Supportive Environmental Framework/Misc.:

-Data: Shannon Rubenstein will take over for Chuck Simmons as data lead; she’s also on the equity team. Chuck debriefed her this weekend. Hiring committee is meeting to hire new literacy coach and Shannon is a good candidate. She’d have to leave her classroom, but a former teacher is helping in that room and is poised to take over there. We’ll ask Shannon to join our next meeting.

Acadience, TC Running Records, middle of the year assessment data for each grade being gathered; assessment window closes 2/18.

-SEF survey results: DF pointed out that the social/emotional wellnesssurvey that was to have gone out twice by this time in the year per the CEP hasn’t gone out yet. JC: there’s a draft already. Maria Nunziata volunteered to take it on.

-PALP: up in the air. Teachers have been inviting parents in via OWL Camera or in person. Still no large groups allowed. Not a SEF solution, but a nice enrichment solution.

(7) SLT Seats:

-JC: There has been no volunteer to take a K280 SLT seat. However, there’s a 4th runner up from the election we can reach out to.

(8) Adjournment: 8:20 am; next meeting is 2/2/22 at 7:30 am.