SLT Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 7:30am

Via Zoom

Members: Barrett Braithwait, Jenn Cribbs, Felicia Devita, Maribeth Dono, David Feller, Jean Herubin, Rachel Katzman, Emily Klotz, Jane Kotapish, Maria Leacy, Maryanne Mazzola, Heleana O’Driscoll-Ryan, Laura Scott

Guests: Allison Koziel, Chuck Simmons

(1) Call to order: 7:34am

(2) Approval of minutes: June 16 and September 15 minutes were approved

(3) i-Ready update from Chuck Simmons:

-i-Ready is being used as an academic screener identifying goals. Acadience is being used for lower grades. The assessment will be 99% complete by end of week this week/Monday.

-Jeannie: parents are concerned about the stress of children carrying devices back and forth and indicate that the device rule in school is unclear. Chuck clarified that anyone has access to a DOE-proved device and that additional devices are on hand on premises.

- Laura: parents are concerned that grades are being attached to these assessments and leaking to middle schools. Chuck knows of no plan to attach these assessments to middle school admissions; they are strictly used to identify where academic intervention, push in/pull out, etc. are appropriate and to determine one facet of student grade. Academic screeners have always been used for part of grade determination, but are only one tool to determine if a student is on track.

-Jenn: the material asks questions above grade level, causing some students to feel defeated/stressed; can this color the assessment?

-Marybeth and Chuck: the system tracks each child where they are and can help reveal weaknesses in a class or grade.

-Chuck will offer a parent workshop Tuesday next week.

(4) Jeannie: SLT Roles and Bylaws

-Oct 6 canceled meeting does not need to be replaced. If we can keep the 10/20 meeting and get CEP approved and signed by deadline, we are on track. There is no chancellor regulation or bylaw indicating number of meetings required.

-Conflicts with morning meetings have caused two parent members to step down. There are four candidates for upcoming election. One line in bylaws would need to be changed in order to facilitate evening meetings. Bylaws indicate parent body should be polled once a year re: morning vs. evening preference

-Jeannie is co-UFT rep with Cliff Bowen, so she can fulfill UFT rep seat on SLT. Maribeth may join as SLT teacher member now that she does not need to sub as UFT rep

-Ally: As we fulfill the 50/50 parent/staff balance, ideally an open staff seat would go to a DC37 rep. Core=PTA president, UFT rep, School Principal.

-We need a K280 parent member

-Mr. Feller will continue as chair, in charge of agenda.

-Robert Grant will post recurring zoom notice/link and will post minutes on site via Jane. We will no longer post drafts, only approved minutes.

-SLT email address will be revamped via Jenn/Jonathan Colonna.

-Next meeting: discuss communication channels (Konstella vs emails vs. other means)

-CEP needs to take precedence over other agenda items for Oct 29 deadline. David will share iPortal info again via email.

(6) Upcoming antibullying programming via the PTA Health/Wellness Committee: 6-10 week theater/dance programming based on kindness/empathy.

(7) Budget update from Ally: we are in unusually good shape financially but having trouble finding para subs. We have money allocated for for afterschool and Saturday school, but issues finding personnel.

(8) Adjournment

-Meeting adjourned at 8:21

-Next meeting is October 20 at 7:30am