SLT Minutes

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 7:30am

Via Zoom

Members: Gracen Cloud, Karen Cooper, Jenn Cribbs, Felicia DeVita, Glenda Erneste, David Feller, Robert Grant, Jean Herubin, Rachel Katzman, Emily Klotz, Jane Kotapish, Maryanne Mazzola, Heleana O’Driscoll-Ryan, Alyse Pecoraro, Dana Roth, Laura Scott, Gary Wong

Guests: Aisuluu Devlesova, Kerryann (Jones?), Vladimir Isaac, Chuck Simmons

(1) Call to order: 7:32 am

(2) Approval of minutes: October 20 meeting minutes were approved.

(3) Welcome to and introduction of new members Alyse, Dana, Glenda, Gracen, Karen.

(4) Meeting schedule:

- 7:30 am is best for staff, but a potential no-go for new K280 member, Matt. Also a potential conflict with K280 exec board meetings.

-JC: Chancellor’s Regs indicate that SLT members must log 30 hours/year and that fewer than 30 require an explanation. To discuss whether subcommittee meetings and other dedicated hours such as training time, CEP drafting, etc. count towards the 30.

(6) Communication:

-Is Konstella the best offline forum for discussions? The SLT Konstella group is currently outdated.

-DF: An email thread could work with each reply-all having a separate subject line to keep topics clear.

-JC: Suggests Slack as an alternate discussion forum.

(7): Admin Report (L.S.):

-Thank you to everyone for suggestions and especially to the small group team who worked on ELA, math, SEL. Teachers met yesterday with Chuck to examine iReady results. 60% were at or above grade level in ELA; we want a 2% increase.

-The citywide, 20-week “Recovery” program held on Tuesdays is actually a setback in that it interrupts our in-house academic intervention and some teachers are involved in the program. “Recovery” kids were identified by Central and are all IEP kids, but other kids struggle too.

- Headphones for every kid are being purchased to facilitate push-in work. Extra laptops also being purchased.

-There’s a big dip in math achievement attributed to pandemic-related inconsistency. Morning meeting time being used for mini-lessons; exit slips are being incorporated. In reading, informational texts are a weakness. Some grades are doing content-specific vocab/reading work and gaining more exposure to nonfiction through science. Staff is engaging in rich conversation re: instructional shifts based on running records and iReady. Each teacher had autonomy to custom-tailor programs for their individual classes.

-Election Day professional development included: Gary Nusser facilitating workshops to prepare teachers for the new SEL screener, and discussions around best ways to use PALP, including using smartboards to share resources such as parent workshops.

- SEL screener pushback is about privacy. Training yesterday at PS10 raised concerns. Many parents at other schools are opting out.

(8): Bylaws and CEP submission:

-CEP needs a little more revision re: percentages of improvement goals (to 2% vs 1% in ELA, for example) today and tomorrow. A PDF of the CEP will be circulated so all new members have it.

-SLT bylaws review will be tabled until next meeting.

(9): Title 1(FD in for ML):

-A parent survey will circulate next week; Child Mind Institute workshops are in process of scheduling.

(10): Budget

-No one available to offer budget update; this line will be moved to top of next meeting.

(11): Adjournment:

-Meeting adjourned at 8:21 am.

-Next meeting is Nov 17 at 7:30am.