SLT Minutes

Thursday, December 2nd 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Members: Heidi Bookman, Jenn Cribbs, Eileen Fallon, David Feller, Jean Herubin, Rachel Katzman, Emily Klotz, Jane Kotapish, MaryAnne Mazzola, Rachel Meltzer, Amy Valle, Laura Scott,

Guests: Bonnie Schwerin, Sandy Faiger, Alison Koziel, Rebecca Haimowitz, Jennine Carella, Heleana O’Driscoll-Ryan, Claudia Imperiale, Kiera Whalen, Wendy Hernandez (Title I)

(1) Call to order: meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

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

(3) SLT Membership

-Bonnie will replace Peter as the K280 parent rep;

-Ms. Ryan will replace Mr. Langton as teacher rep.

(4) Reopening

-Administration was surprised by 5-day in-person plan announced;

-Not possible to honor social distancing and do 5-day attendance (in PS10 and K280);

-5-days is really only possible with very low attendance among students;

-Opening new classrooms would disrupt current classes and would require money

to hire new teachers (which school doesn’t have);

-If a lot of families go remote and in-person attendance goes down, school could

possibly accommodate 5-days, but it’s unlikely.

-It was misleading for parents that announcement made 5-day school seem

universal; it’s not possible in many schools due to attendance in hybrid;

-Suggestion: make announcement/notice clear on website about continuation of

hybrid (not 5 days a week) so families can plan.

(5) Learning preference deadlines

-Nov 2nd – Nov 15th to identify switch from remote to hybrid;

-12 students at K280; 16 at PS10 will switch;

-Families have been contacted about the switch; class assignments have been

determined and teachers are working on the transition;

-Full remote teacher will complete report card for first grading period and

communicate with new teacher;

-Grading:

-4 = exceeding standards; 3 = on grade level; N = instead of 2 or 1; NL =

for students who have had trouble participating

-teachers are collaborating to make sure all things are considered to make

sure to accurately determine where student needs support; will give

students benefit of the doubt;

-Grading policy is posted on the website as well.

(6) COVID testing

-So far, 2 rounds for both cohorts; not notified of any cases;

-Now parents are required to complete permission forms for testing; most families

have already opted in;

-Can sign consent online or in paper; recommended to let teachers know whose

consent is done;

-Now K280 teachers will be included in the regular testing:

-Concern that testing will be lumped in with MS442 (but won’t be in the

building until January at earliest): as many teachers won’t get tested as

part of the bigger pool, results will be harder to tease out;

-PS10 welcomes adults to be tested with rest of PS10.

-Administration can only recommend testing to families (they do via website and

Konstella); cannot mandate it

-Anyone can bring evidence about transmission among children/to teachers to

share with union.

(8) Budget

-DOE still sticking with formula method; therefore the school will be responsible

for paying back the money due to reduced # students;

-But not clear what amount school will ultimately be responsible for.

(9) Title I Update

-Nov 19th: Amazing Diwali performance

-Nov 21st: Redhawk Native American dance performance

-Upcoming performances: Kwanzaa event

-Upcoming workshops: will be dedicated to teachers

-Upcoming magic show for January

-Scheduling an IEP workshop

-Laura requested workshops on student engagement in student council

-Possible to organize a virtual assembly?

(10) Miscellaneous

-Question about buffer zone around holiday break, to let families quarantine

before/after travel;

-Administration will post recommendations about holiday travel/behavior;

-PS 10 can’t really do much on their own; hoping DOE will delay start of school

until a week after regular return;

-Administration will consider suggestions and talk with teachers, and see if they

can accommodate delayed starts;

-Livestreaming is allowed (but can’t be required); but need to purchase proper

technology:

PTA is requesting an estimate for such equipment;

But running the technology can be challenging; and broadband might

not be strong enough

-There will be flexibility with respect to attendance if a student needs to be absent

to quarantine.

(11) Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.