SLT Minutes

Thursday, October 22nd 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Members: Heidi Bookman, Eileen Fallon, Rachel Katzman, Rachel Meltzer, Dave Feller, Emily Klotz, Jane Kotapish, Amy Valle, Laura Scott, Heather Volik MaryAnne Mazzola

Guests: Wendy Hernandez (Title 1), Gary Wong, Jenn Cribbs, Maribeth Dono, Sarah Dougherty, Phiona Lynch-Mouty, Rohi Pandya, Barrett Braithwaite, Jackie Wolff, Mrs. Welsh, Sonia, Jacob Nelson, HC

(1) Call to order: meeting called to order at 7:26 pm.

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

(3) Elections

-Rohi Pandya stepped down;

-New parents on SLT: Amy Valle and Jane Kotapish (PS 10); Peter Orso (K 280);

-Jenn Cribbs and Jeanine Carella will be new PTA presidents;

-Thank you to Heather and Rohi!

(4) Remind Orientation

-Sarah Dougherty presents about Remind application (she works with schools);

-Text-first communication tool;

-Can track communication to see frequency, patterns of communication;

-Can store message thread (and attachments) for extent of active account;

-Can create/communicate across sub-groups/committees (limited in size to 10

people for group conversation)--group chat comes up as text thread on phone;

-Can have limitless number for class/group;

-No donations collection function;

-Integrates with a range of programs (e.g. Signup Genius, Google Drive);

-Phone numbers are suppressed for teachers (administrators can access this).

(5) DOE Device Update

-Still 104 devices that have been requested; more devices are coming;

-Gary is working with one student without Internet access and troubleshooting generally;

-Councilmember has outstanding requests to hopefully be expedited;

-Still outstanding are mostly multiple device requests;

-How much longer is the free Internet service being provided?

(6) Zoom and attendance protocols

-Gary is troubleshooting the DOE attendance form; now it is released earlier;

-Request: release attendance form even earlier--Laura will check with Central;

-Administration confirms that both attendance forms matter;

-Can parents escalate the concern about attendance to DOE?

-Citywide high schools has an effective system in place can this be extended to

elementary schools?

-School has to upload attendance by 3:30pm each day; hard to make changes after this time;

-Attendance is very important because it affects funding, resources towards investigating missing students;

-The administration will get list of absences to teachers (for PTC night).

(8) Zoom etiquette communication

-It was meant to highlight main concerns conveyed by teachers for parents;

-Suggestion to make tone more inclusive/community-oriented;

-Ask for feedback from parents about what’s working/not working at home;

-Other parents/teachers felt the guidelines were helpful and something to work on with

the teachers; guidance from school level helpful for setting parameters/expectations.

(9) Budget

-No change in budget--in a good place.

(10) Title I

-Workshops are being planned;

-Waiting to hear if there is more flexibility about use of Title I money (in virtual

environment).

(11) Opting into Hybrid

-Admin/staff are working on this and preparing.

(11) Miscellaneous

-Making Strides benefit raised $1,432!!

-Emily shares updates to SLT meetings: now 11/12 (instead of 11/5); eliminate 11/19 meeting (since it conflicts with PTA meeting);

-PTA would like to keep third Thursday’s open for their meetings;

-Reporting shows 5 COVID cases at PS10 to date; agreed that DOE communication is confusing.

(12) Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.