

SLT Meeting – February 25, 2016

Meeting commenced: 4:17

Attendance: E. Ruback, A. Cermak, B. James, M. Ocampo, C. Arboleda, S. Parker, M. Birnbaum, L. Campbell, W. Zangwill, L. Goldenberg

Guests:

Agenda Building:

Leadership Transitions for our school next month in March

Minutes approved by Consensus

PTA Report – Liz Campbell

- Ruler Presentation informative – great way for parents to understand the program and Ms. Debucquoy will present further
- Budget committee in process
- Auction - April 2nd

Teacher Report – moved to March

Principal Report – Scott Parker

- Soft Lockdown drill will be held shortly
- Staff ID Badges and ID Badges for those who visit the building regularly
- Open Safety Committee meeting – Town Hall in March
- PT Conference next week March 2 and 3
- Thinking about what presentations would parents like to attend during our Parent Conference in May? Lets brainstorm some topics next month.

Community Building Committee – Melissa Birnbaum

- Scooter Rally was wonderful, 137 people , 120 kids attended, very organized,
- We are looking into our next event., a variety show to celebrate the arts including the staff. Planning meeting in March

Foreign Language Instruction Committee: Laura Goldenberg

- Rationale for foreign language instruction given
- Research of many types of programs
- 2 main models – Immersion and FLES
- FLES and Immersion are both viable ways to develop bilingual students
- Communities, Communication, Cultures, Connections, and Comparisons are the 5 C's of any language instruction
- Language selection based on teacher availability and eligibility,
- Important to gain Parent buy in and appeal
- Spanish, Mandarin, and French were considered
- Recommendation:
- Need more time to develop the program, continued exploration for implementation in 2017
- Partner with a cultural org for 2016 – 2017, as a once a week special, budget of \$40 to \$60,000

Questions and Comments re: Language Presentation

- What is content-based instruction? You learn a subject matter in a different language.
- Immersion is 50/50 in English and another language
- How does a foreign language fit into our day that is already crowded?
- Next year, cultural enrichment with a cultural organization partner.
- FLES model involves phasing in grade by grade.
- PTA might be able to pay for an out of classroom teacher who does something more cultural than language instruction.
- Research about the value of FLES overtime
- PD for staff collaborations with another teacher involves a lot of time and scheduling
- We will agree that the team will get a few more quotes for a cultural program for 2016 – 2017.
- There are some time concerns for the FLES program. A focus on one particular language may be helpful?
- The team recommends Spanish, most relevant, and may be easier to implement.
- We have consensus on a Spanish enrichment proposal. And continue to research a FLES program in Spanish.
- The content should be varied by grade. The committee
- will reach out to teachers to help determine what the enrichment might look like for the different grades.
- By March 24th, the SLT will have to make a decision about the cultural enrichment program.

SLT EMAIL:

- No relevant emails

FAQ Page:

- still in process

Graduation Plans:

- Date June 22 or June 23
- Budget plans make it very economical
- After school so staff can attend

DLT Liason:

- Ilene Altschul will attend March SLT meeting
- Do we have questions for her?
- Budget review while she is here?

New Business:

CEP –Are we meeting our goals?

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- working towards meeting the goal
- data specialist consulted from TC brought in
- PD is happening via teacher teams
- coffee's with parents re: instruction in most grades with the teachers
- kindergarten doing some Thursday morning parent engagement meetings
- second and fourth grade needs to be scheduled

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- teachers on SLT will check with their grades to determine if this is happening?
- We will collect some evidence

5E – Community Building

- We have been doing activities in the evening that are school wide, to the same result
- will change to 3 events per year in the goal

Overall, useful review of the CEP some work will be done

Safety – included in the principal report

- 4 more evacuation drills to complete
- the drill was fast on our floor because there was some delay in our calling the drill

Agenda for March 24:

- Budget review
- Leadership Transitions: What are the plans for our school if our principal moves on?

What did I miss here??