

SLT Meeting for Thursday, October 12, 2023:

Present: Yi Law Chan (YC), Max Chin (MC), Cindy Lin, Kevin Low, Lisa Shultheis, Erin Young, Lisa Chan, Beatriz Martinez, Thompson Law

Absent:

Guests: Melissa Ng, Ryan Ruan, Eunice

Meeting start: 4:30pm

Confirm Roles

Secretary: Max Chin, Teachers on minutes

Facilitator: Max Chin

Time Keeper: N/A

***Facilitator to Attendees:** Please identify yourself in the Zoom with your full name so that we can take attendance.

Review and approve minutes from June and September

Approved with one correction to typo in Kevin Low's name on September minutes

Enrollment Update

YC: Enrollment is steady. According to Tilly, 502 students preK-5th. We have 463 without preK. We are very close, but still slightly under enrollment.

School Environment

Discussion of school tours, published dates on website and Dojo school story. YC described the tours, starting in the auditorium and breaking up into tour groups with language support. YC looking for parent support. She is happy to have more than one parent volunteer to support different groups as they tour the school.

Budget Update

YC: We are waiting to see if we will receive additional funding for new SPED students.

MC: Do parents still have the ability to see a hardcopy of the budget?

YC: Budget will be printed and placed next to Pam's desk to review.

Staffing

YC: Calvin Chu is already in the position of science teacher, replacing Nancy Agliodoro. He had a chance to shadow Nancy and meet with Ms. Wong to make the transition

smoothly. He had subbed in the program in the past; he is a known teacher to P.S. 124. We are confident in his ability to take over the position, particularly since Ms. Wong is able to support him.

MC: As we get closer to colder temperatures, does the possibility of teachers getting sick impact the budget? Are we able to cover?

YC: When a teacher is out, and coverage is needed, the coverage comes out of the school budget for sure.

MC: Is there a sum allocated for this?

YC: Yes, absolutely. I am awaiting the 10/31st date to see what additional funds we will receive based on the new special education students we have this year. There has been an increase in students with IEPs for a different program that was not included in the spring projection. Once we get the additional funding, that should give us more 'wiggle room' for items like covering subs.

Class Changes

N/A

Testing Dates and Results

YC: Embargo on test results is lifted. At this time, I can share that 91.4% of students grades 3, 4, 5 were at or above in Math compared to Math in 2022

84.4% scored at or above proficiency for ELA test, similar to the score in 2022

Testing Issues and Technology

MC: Technology-wise, how can we better-prepare our students for state testing, particularly concerning using computers.

YC: Ms. Helman already scheduled a virtual testing workshop for families who have students in testing grades, November 14th. Ms. Helman will share updates regarding this shift. I want to commend Ms. Helman for preparing the fifth-grade last year, because she wanted to get ahead of the students' experience this year. The fifth-grade teachers were on-board for this process. Ms. Helman wanted to help the students prepare for the platform. The testing creators provided practice tests on the platform to support preparation. We have plans for giving students experience on the devices that will be used. This was part of the process last year, which included troubleshooting any glitches that arose, so we should be ready this year. There are contingency plans provided by the state for anything that might arise on test day. Ms. Kwan also made sure this process would work, and I would say that this was a successful rollout last year. We are ahead of the game because of the work we did with fifth grade last year.

Review of By-Laws

MC: Do we have a copy of the most current by-laws? I think we were going to amend the teacher side voting. Nancy A. had said we would need to take a look at replacing her.

YL: Beatriz Martinez is the new chapter leader, so this raises quorum and voting issues. Jennifer Greenblatt sent out a notice saying that SLT meetings need to be in person or hybrid, so we need to discuss this.

MC: The best we can do is hybrid on the parents' side.

Kevin Low: I think it is a bad idea, because no working person can attend a meeting at this time or earlier.

YC: We should add this to the agenda. It may be a by-laws thing. I can turn over Jennifer Greenblatt's email and we can discuss how we can do the meeting.

MC: You can 'reply all' to the SLT minutes to send us the meeting. It will be hard for parents to attend. I'll reach out to Jennifer and gather consensus on the parents' side and get back to you.

CEP Updates

YC: There is a section on the CEP that is college and career readiness. I know Ms. Hom used to do a career day, but because of covid, it was on pause. I would like to resume career day to invite people to come share stories of their careers. I thought I would utilize the networks of some of the staff. If a guest speaker cannot come in person, we could figure out a virtual format. One of the things that I could use help with is to get some guest speakers to come to speak. It wouldn't be a very long commitment. Maybe 45 minutes in person, that could be negotiated.

LS: Is the time frame in the spring?

YC: I'm open to the idea that we could do college career readiness week or month, e.g., a period on Friday and have a guest speaker come in and do something for a grade. I think it would be good to keep it for the upper grades. Once period in person as an assembly, or as a speaker on the Promethean board. I think we could use some of the technology that has evolved. Depending on the number of guest speakers, we could spread it out a little bit over the year.

Teachers Lisa Schultheis and Erin Young asked questions about scheduling and types of speakers parents want to participate; brief discussion with Thompson Law about parents being speakers.

YC: I will send out an email about a subcommittee regarding career to set up our framework for inviting speakers.

Meeting adjourned: 5:30pm

Future Meeting Dates: 11/16/23