**SLT Meeting for Thursday, January 19, 2023:**

**Present:** Nancy Aglialoro, Yi Law Chan, Max Chin, Amy Crisostomo, Elizabeth Derbes, Emma Kash, Minda Kauffman, Cindy Lin, Grace Lin, Kelvin Lo, Melissa Wong

**Absent:**

**Observer:** Tracy V

**Meeting start: 4:30pm**

1. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes for December 2022

December minutes approved.

1. SLT Meeting Logistic updates

The SLT meeting notifications have been posted on ClassDojo and have the Zoom links. Parents and the school community can attend to hear the meetings.

We are still continuing with virtual meetings for the time being. If the mayor extends the emergency order allowing us to continue meeting online, we will do so.

1. Enrollment – New students and how to support them

We currently have 13 new students enrolled. That is a lot of new families that have joined the school. Parents want to know what they can do to help.

Y. Chan shared that at this time, our initial wave of support came within the first week right after we had our first few students enroll. We received a lot of donations and clothing from staff members which have been taken by many of the families. As we see more parents, we see there are quite a number of adults in need of winter clothing and supplies. We want to transition to the new wave of needs for the adults - like shoes, boots, etc. M. Helman and Y.Chan have started an Amazon wishlist. APEX is stepping in to support our school and will buy the supplies from the Amazon wishlist. We are adding some shelf stable items to the wishlist. E. Kash asked if the families are participating in the breakfast program at school. She asked if we could start up grab-and-go meals. Y Chan said families are aware of the breakfast program and we can remind them to come at 7:50am. We can also start having grab-and-go breakfast for students who arrive late. We cannot give food from the cafeteria to nonstudents. We have been trying to figure out what are some common food items that are culturally responsive for these families. C. Pun posted on ClassDojo inviting all parents to reach out if they are in need of clothing or food.

1. Budget

M. Wong asked if we will be receiving more money for the new students who have registered this month. Y. Chan said that we should be getting more money. She was told that central is capturing the enrollment data on a monthly basis and then doing the calculations to provide the additional funds to the schools. She also reached out to the budget directors to inform them about the additional students and our school has been flagged. Now we just have to wait. We will get a certain amount per new student, but we are not sure how much yet. Whatever the amount is, it will be x13.

1. Cafeteria

a. Mayor Announcement of Kitchen Upgrades – does it impact us?

M. Chin mentioned that he saw a news article about the DOE improving cafeterias. Will our school be getting any enhancements? Y. Chan also saw this in the press but there was no notification that our school has been selected for an upgrade or any timeline for these upgrades. It’s not clear how these schools are selected.

b. School Lunch – observed by parent volunteers that it seems that there was less amount for older students and students are not able to have seconds.

M. Chin stated, from an observation of a parent volunteer, students in the older grades appear to be receiving less food compared to the younger grades and less likely to be given the option for seconds. Y. Chan asked for clarification on whether or not less food is being served to the older children and M. Chin said that parent volunteers have observed this. Y. Chan will follow up on this concern. N. Aglialoro observed that during the older students’ lunch periods, they often run out of the sandwich and hummus options. Y. Chan said that they set aside a certain amount of sandwiches and humus for each lunch period.

Y.Chan has spoken to the cook about students having seconds. The cook said that students are allowed to have seconds and Y.Chan stated that she has personally observed that students get seconds.

1. CEP – progress on objectives and plans

M. Chin asked if something needs to be changed or updated about the CEP in January and what the progress is on the current objectives.

Phonemic Awareness Workshops will be scheduled for the week before February break on Feb 14th. We are going to include Kindergarten and 1st grade families even though the goal says just 1st grade. It would be beneficial for both grades to join. We are planning to do the workshops on Zoom. Y. Chan asked the parents if they think the parents would prefer to come into the building to these types of meetings. M. Chin said he is compiling the results of the parent survey about meeting preferences and will get the results to Y. Chan soon. N. Aglialoro asked if we can have a hybrid workshop where there will be in-person parents and Zoom in others. But Y.Chan explained that we might not have the proper equipment to do that.

Y. Chan said we are also considering a 2nd grade math workshop for parents. Given that the phonemic awareness workshop is scheduled for 2/14, she’s wondering if a math workshop for 2nd grade families on 2/8 is too many meetings within a small window of time.

1. Student Absence – Homework Continued

Y. Chan said with regard to COVID related absences, there is work available on Google Classroom for students to complete if they are well enough to do so. This is specifically for COVID related absences. This doesn’t apply to absences of a different reason. The coding for student absences on MySchools portal gets changed to “remote present” if students are well enough to complete work in Google Classroom. This will not be counted as an absence. E. Kash clarified that if a student completes an attendance question or question of the day, that counts as “activity” in Google Classroom and they will be marked present.

1. Parent Engagement Update

Art night proposal for Friends of Materials for the Arts (MFTA) was presented to the PTA as part of Title I and the parents approved. What’s left of the cost will be paid for by PTA.

Teachers asked how School Tours went and how the turnout was.

E. Derbes attended a school tour to talk to prospective parents. She said that parents were asking lots of questions. A few people hung around afterwards to ask questions as well. Questions included use of screens (Promethean board), class size, learning instruments, and learning a second language. Y. Chan reported that C Pun said the turnout at the tour in January was better than we have had in previous years. E. Derbes suggested that we have three parents on the next tour, one for each of the groups. People are interested in the programming that was happening in PS 124.

Teachers asked if there will be more opportunities like the winter concert for families to come into the building to see what their children are doing. Y. Chan said there will be more opportunities for families to come in for publishing parties etc. She hopes that eventually Room 104 will be a space for parents to gather. She’s hoping that these will be celebrations of academics but not necessarily a show.

1. Report Cards

Parents would like to know when reports will be issued. Y.Chan said that they will be distributed on February 8th.

**Meeting adjourned: 5:45pm**

**Future Meeting Dates:** Feb 16, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25, June 22

Link for next meeting:

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