### **Longfellow Elementary School**

A Magnet School for the Creative and Performing Fine Arts A Leader in Me Lighthouse School



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#### SDMC Meeting Agenda January 28, 2022

Members present: Katherine Keafer, Mallory Smith, Jason Coleman, Stephanie Landis, Tiffany Akpan, Christina Alvarado, Patricia Benitez, Julia Griffin, Jenny Rozelle, April Lindsay, Andrea Pennington, Creshelle Smith

- Welcome
- Introductions Discuss virtual norms
- Instruction
  - Campus MOY testing update
    - Ms. Keafer shared Campus Data from Renaissance 360 Most areas are showing growth (Ms. Keafer reviewed data from various grade levels)
      - As we progress through the school year, we have a moving target
        - 4th Grade Math is performing well
        - 5th Grade Reading is an area of concern
        - Ms. Rozelle asked how students are chosen for various interventions
        - Ms. Landis asked if interventions are matching up with what is going on in the classroom
    - High frequency Word Exam (HFWE) data discussed
    - Benchmark Running Record (BRR) testing not completed yet

#### Priorities

- Small group instruction -Throughout the day
- After school tutorials Smaller number of students
  - Ms. Landis asked if 1st/2nd grade students still get time for play-Ms. Keafer assured that recess time has not been taken away and that many of our teachers are able to teach while having fun (often the kids are having so much fun that they don't realize how much they are learning)
  - Ms. Landis asked if burn-out was an issue and would tutorials continue next year
- 2021-2022 Budget
  - Additional funds used to support technology, coaching for specific priority needs, and tutorials for 2nd and 3rd Grade.
    - Mr. Coleman shared that CleverTouch boards were purchased for the remainder of our homeroom teacher's classrooms, also, a mobile

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CleverTouch board was purchased for the library, the MPR, and Magnet classrooms

- 2022-2023 Budget
  - Projected for 672 students. We currently have 667 enrolled this year.
  - o Funding model is expected to change to become more centralized
    - Some things will be funded through the district (rather than from the school itself)
    - The district will fund a nurse, a librarian, and a counselor.
      - Ms. Rozelle asked if this would ensure that these positions are filled.
      - Ms. Keafer explained that the difficulty in keeping a nurse on staff may be due to the compensation difference between a school nurse and a hospital nurse
    - Substitutes will be paid for through the district also.
    - The district is looking at ways at retaining teachers through more compensation and stipends.
    - Ms. Landis asked if the Assistant Principal position had been cut Ms. Keafer explained that when she planned for this year, we were planned to have fewer students and thus, she did not plan on funding an AP. We will likely have one again.
- Hiring
  - Nurse
  - Counselor
  - Teacher SLL
  - Anticipated Vacancies
- Safety
  - Ready Set Go Plan updates
    - Covid Cases Trend No cases in the past 2 weeks!
    - Notification of positive covid cases
    - Campus covid testing Ms. Pennington reviewed the current testing program that happens on Thursdays. She said that we have been testing approximately 60 students per week. Ms. Keafer shared that the testing program has been successful.
    - Covid notification process has changed Parents should monitor their child at home (but would not necessarily need to be guarantined)
- Upcoming Events

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- Teacher Work Day 2/21/22 No school for students. Teachers meeting from 8-10 and a day to work in the classroom
- Mock STAAR testing 2/22 2/24 Not graded. Used to guide the next several months of instruction.
- Read-a-Thon dates (Week of March 1)
- Field Day 3/11/22 The day before Spring Break.
- Spring Break 3/14 3/18
- Parental Involvement
  - PTO Meetings first Thursday at 6:30PM (Virtual)
    - Ms. Landis explained that the focus on spending would be for technology (maybe more CleverTouch boards for Magnet and other technology)
    - T-Shirt sales are looking good (we are at half the expected quota)
  - Virtual Coffees with the Principal
- Committee Questions/Concerns

#### Action Items:

- Attend hiring fair and continue to recruit for open positions and anticipated vacancies
- Provide update on funding model and staffing at next SDMC meeting
- Provide BRR update at next SDMC meeting
- Check in with staff prior to next meeting to gauge teacher burnout among those teachers working tutorials.