March 1, 2022

SDMC Minutes

* Welcome back quarter 3. One more meeting coming up in the Spring. May 3rd is tentative planned meeting. Meeting must be between April and June.
* Note on state of the school
  + ESSER funds -- money to help get kids caught up. SEL and academics. A few different pots of $:
    - $13k in innovation. Lots of flexibility.
      * Used heavily for subs for IB planning, etc. (~$10k/yr)
      * $3k left. Will continue to use for subs for PD, observing, learning walks, etc.
    - $46k for intervention
      * Used for tutorials - Prefer for teachers ($50/hr) rather than outside companies.
      * ~$15k left
      * Will use all money before end of the year
  + Health & safety fund
    - goes to mostly Nurse, also clerical work to assist with Nurse. This fund is restricted. Best use of $ is compensating Nurse for the extra work / Covid safety
  + Wraparound fund
    - Can be used for after-school clubs and garden
    - LIVINGSTON UPDATE -- after school non-academic clubs:
      * Mad science - possibly sometime in April. After-school program for enrichment. Science projects, Stem
        + ~25 students cap (Wed / Thur)
        + Emphasis on younger grades.
      * Chess club - after April. For students learning & students who are more experienced.
        + ~30 students cap (Mon & Tue, Wed & Thurs)
        + Emphasis grades 3-5
      * Also looked into:
        + Women's fund. SEL-oriented for girls
      * Mad Science and Chess - first come/first serve. Chess is a bit more flexible.
    - Wraparound fund may be available for the next 2 years
  + Budget focus for rest of the year:
    - Tutorials.
      * Projected low. More kids enrolled than expected. All $ will be spent.
    - Science resources & classrooms - materials for hands-on science so teachers don't have to purchase as many materials from
    - Coverage for vertical planning, hopefully once per month. A different focus each month.
      * Question from Ortiz: Where does Science Fusion resource come from? Answer: provided by district. Suggested: The same company that produces Studies Weekly also produces Science Weekly. Also suggests Stem Scopes (she recommends, but it is pricey, and not user friendly. Worth it, she says).
        + There was a trial of STEM Scopes last year with 5th grade only, but it wasn't used.
* School improvement Plan (SIP) -- GOALS
  + Pre-pandemic STAAR numbers are goal
  + Attendance - down, as it is district wide. We were going down, now we are going back up. Some days in January, less than 90% of students on campus.
    - Context: Schools with highest attendance in district were <97%.
  + Current attendance: 93.3%. Goal: 94% by end of year.
  + QUESTION: Do tardies impact attendance? ANSWER: No. But teachers should reach out to families and to office as well so parents can be put on a contract. If student is a transfer, they can be put on a growth plan.
  + QUESTION: What type of attendance number triggers a growth plan? ANSWER: Students missing more than 90%, i.e., more than 18 absences. Clarification: >18 *unexcused* absences.
    - New sign requires parents to sign in late students.
* STAFF DEVELOPMENT
  + 2/21 review
  + March 8th - Learning Committee: SEL: Rethink Ed
  + Monthly inquiry based vertical planning meetings coming soon (see above)
* PTO UPDATES
  + New uniforms - In progress design. All learner profile traits contained in a circle with a single color.
    - PTO blue AND/OR green polo with IB logo. \* Blue or green polos will no longer require logo (parents can buy plain "navy blue" or "hunter green" polos elsewhere). \* Solid polos only. No logo. \* Polo shirts can be worn Mon through Thur.
      * Instead of 10 color shirts, now 3: red, orange, purple
      * More options for parents to purchase outside PTO.
      * Proposals reduces what is on PTO's shoulders.
      * (General discussion about uniforms)
    - ***Everyone in agreement about PTO uniform proposal.***
    - For the next 2 years, students can still wear the old shirts.
    - IDEA - put IB logo on the inside of the profile traits circle.
  + Boosterthon fund raising update - We are already more than halfway to our goal (woo-hoo!).
* Registration on March 3rd, 4-6:30
* Final items? Going once, going twice, let's go, alright!