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!