Mandarin Immersion Magnet School
SDMC
April 3, 2023

1. Welcome

2. Roles and Duties
   - Chairperson – Cindy Tiet
   - Minutes – Mounia Bensouda
   - Timekeeper – George Pineda

3. SDMC Meeting Schedule – Changes in dates or additional meetings may be held if needed
   - Next Meeting: May 8, 2023

4. Budget - State of the School
   - Enrollment – 728 students
   - Estimate that we will be at 777 students: current 8th grade group is small, current 7th grade group is larger and incoming 6th grade will be increased to maintain the size of future classes, by taking in attrition
   - Approx. 200 people responded to the Return to School survey
   - April 5th is notification of lottery to all incoming / new parents
   - Budget for 23-24 is based on 777 students and 96% attendance rate - if there are any changes they will adjust the budget accordingly
   - Average Daily Attendance: The goal is 98%. MIMS attendance rate was 95.81%. Current attendance rate is 96.03%! Last year, MIMS was 96.22%.
   - Question: does the district look at designing the schedule to ensure that we don’t have absences based on calendar? Too many weeks near holidays where it is too easy for families to take the whole week off. Answer: Not sure how academic calendar is created (they consider federal holidays, number of instructional days, etc.)
   - Question: how does it work with attendance and kids being sick and not meeting attendance? The 2% grace for attendance should really encompass the time for being sick. There is a way for the school to grant credit back to the student as long as they are passing class. Parents need to file the appeal and go through the process as it has been provided.
   - Budget question: does the budget deficit have something to do with the TEA take over? District was already in a budget deficit prior to TEA Intervention so principals had already been receiving information about operating on a smaller budget. Do we know the impact? Not really until June 1 when the Board of Managers are appointed.

5. Instruction
   - TEA Interim Assessments have been completed for 3rd-8th grade students
We tested during interim time and made adjustments needed and now will replicate schedule and procedures for the STAAR assessments

STAAR Assessments online – STAAR Design 2.0

STAAR Testing window begins 4/18/23

Ren 360 will be replaced by iReady - Ren 360 had the assessment piece but didn't have the intervention piece. iReady will have both, and the intervention piece will be personalized based on benchmark results

6. Staff Development

- 23-24 school year – implementation of Eureka Math for K-5th grades and Carnegie Math for 6th-8th grades (training will begin this spring) Setting up trainings for the spring - we have been sending teachers to the 2 day training. These are high quality instructional materials (known as HQIM), so it is unlikely that TEA will want us to move away from that

7. Other Events/Concerns

- TCLP (Teachers of Critical Languages Program) Update: MIMS has received notification that we have been selected to host a fully funded exchange teacher from Taiwan.

- Paired with a MIMS teacher to work with

- Clear Backpack survey results:
  - 86 Responses
  - Do you support implementing a clear backpack policy at MIMS?
    - 75.6%: No
    - 24.4%: Yes
  - If yes, which grades do you want to implement for?
    - PK-8: 9.3%
    - 4-8: 7%
    - 6-8: 12.8%
    - Do not support for any grade: 70.9%

  Conclusion is the clear backpack is not enforced.

- Dress Code: In the dress code need to update a few things such as ‘no visible midriff’ The ‘free dress day’ might be an earned right- through either attendance or extra work or behavior.

- Cell Phone Policy: Air pods are very common in middle school and policy might require some updates as well as cell phone.

- Required Survey for SDMC Members: Please complete before next SDMC Meeting.

- Will share monitoring of SIP goals and performance for next meeting in May

- Need to consider a Technology teacher next year since the younger kids are now required their exams online, since we don’t want the kids ability with a computer to affect their results. Things like keyboarding and general digital skills.

- Looking at getting a group of new ipads / laptops / devices? For the younger classes

- Need to look improving at the schedule for 3rd floor
Smart boards are no longer being supported by the district and the solution for teaching with Apple TV has not been rolled out yet. Apple TV was a much less expensive option than the existing smart boards. Ms. Tiet took 3 yrs to equip all her classrooms in last school with Clever Touch equipment. If there is left-over budget after obligations are met for Spring semester then Principal Tiet was planning to start buying some items. Request Mr. Bin Wong to give a demo to Principal Tiet.

Meeting End: 5:19 pm.