

SLT Meeting, Tuesday February 26, 2019

- Reading of January's minutes
- Attendance Report
 - As of this morning, our average attendance rate is 91%
 - 92% is still considered low. Our goal is to hit 95%.
 - DOE will train teachers in March and May about "Teacher Home Visits" program
 - What ways can we build a strong partnership with our community to help improve attendance.
 - Mr. Serin suggests that perhaps we can have parents who are respected in the community help motivate other parents. "Buddy parent" concept to help parents who are sick or unable to get their children to school. Parents concerned that some parents may take advantage. Parents suggest talking to community officers to help
- January Progress Monitoring
 - Students have been administered ELA and Math simulation tests to strategically hone in on the skills they need to improve and expose students to authentic test-taking conditions, including both the testing environment and the complexity of the text.
 - Simulation test to get students used to test taking, reduce stress. An item analysis was done and students grouped by need.
- Budget/Title I allocation: Purchased
 - \$20,000 worth of books/classroom libraries (Another 5-6k was allocated.)
 - 11 Smartboards
 - 60 iPads/iPad covers/
 - iPad Safes
 - Headphones
 - Printers
- OORS Update: 1 level 4 ; 8 level 3; 9 level 2
 - Drill Update (4 lockdown; 8 evacuation needed we are on track for all.)
 - School Safety Plan Update is up to date.
- Building Update Everything is going as planned. Summer work may affect summer programs like Best Academy. Mr. Serin will talk to Charlie to see if they will affect his work.
- Home Visits Program
 - Surveyed and identified teachers who are willing to participate in the program
 - Teachers will be trained in the months of March and May

- The program will start in May
- February Events
 - Basketball Games (February 1, 15)
 - Lunar New Year Celebration (February 7)
 - 100th Day Celebration (February 12)
 - Respect for All (February 11-15)
 - Black History Month (Postponed to March 14th- the same day of the parent teacher conferences to accommodate the parents who will already take the day to meet with the teachers. We postponed it to ensure students have enough time with Ms. Cyr to prepare to perform and to have more parental participation during parent teacher conference) We discussed how Black History Month was integrated into the curriculum. Teachers discussed how each grade integrated Black History month into the curriculum and about specific work.
 - CEP Goals benchmarking
 - Review our CEP goals and go over the data to see how close are we to reaching our goals. To continue with this work, Mr. Serin will bring data during our next meeting.
- PTA Report
 - Valentine's Day sale went well: Spring sale and Bake Sale will happen next month.
 - Picture Day is Friday for 5th grade. There's also group picture for after school already. Mr. Serin will ask Ms. Cyr to contact parents.
 - Carnival was locked in and vendors hired.
 - Head of PTA needs to invited to safety meeting. Mr Cruz will invite her next meeting.
- Open Forum
 - Parent recommended that work around the Black History Month should be made more visible in the building.
 - March is Women's History Month: will it be celebrated the same way? The answer is yes.
 - Parent questions about King and Queen of Reading with Ms. Monroe. Ms. Monroe did not approach us this year.
 - Pomonok: Can we invite Patrick from Pomonok to the next SLT so he can to train new staff members? Mr. Serin will talk to Patrick.
 - Teacher issues with parents taking students out for vacations and basketball games. Some parents have threatened the school that they don't want the school to call them about absences.



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