

Leadership Council Minutes – October 19, 2020

1. Opening Items

Record Attendance –

Teachers/Staff: Mr. K, Weisberg, Donna, Harrell, Kort, Chatham, Dr. A, Welch, Harlow, Tobisman, Tapper, De La O

Parents: JB Whittenburg, S. Miria Jo, Kayt Jones, Candice Klein-Pereira, Amber Moreen, Hanna Ellis, Kristine Sloan, Reina McCaughey, Angela (Rissas?)

Call the Meeting to Order – Weisberg

Additions/Corrections to Agenda – none at this time

2. Old and New Business: Introductions of Board Members

3. TEP Report (Fuji Whittenburg):

- Halloween fundraisers are underway (drive thru at TCC cancelled)
- financially we are in OK shape because we lowered our budget but we have very low participation in donating and participating this year > including recurring monthly donations, we are at \$45,000
- Virtual Coyote Run being planned
- Book Fair – need to check with Stephanie Lackenby to see if Scholastic \$\$ have been used

Harrell: Could there be Zooms set up for kids to show off their costumes/get together?

Other ideas: Bingo Night, Trivia Night

Miria: Could we do class Commitment Dinners virtually? Maybe by grade instead of by class?
Invite teachers to attend

Fuji: Reminder to utilize room parents for help – Lisa Looney is the coordinator for room parents, and a call could be set up to help support room parents

Tobisman: What about TECS masks for sale?

4. VAPA Report (Kristine Sloan)

- Original Works Virtual Art show – students will create art to be screened on t-shirts, mugs, etc > Ms. Randy will be organizing for each grade, student participation is not

mandatory, everything will be uploaded from students' homes and items created will be shipped directly from Original Works (taking place in November)

- Variety Show – tabled for the time being, may be rescheduled for January (will see how current video submission projects go)

5. Principals Report:

- District trying to get as many students tested for COVID as they can
- No updates on reopening, district trying to establish a baseline data set
- Charter renewal was approved in the Spring – the only issue was a dip in Math scores that we hope will be addressed with the unified Eureka Math curriculum that the whole school now uses
- Norm Day – kudos to all of the parents who advocated for no teachers to be relocated
- Enrollment – 218 students (about the same as it was on Norm Day)
- Budget review meeting taking place tomorrow
- Would like to establish a Finance subcommittee at some point to make sure our finances are transparent to the community
- Trails behind the school this summer that were damaged: property lines between the school and LA County are being clarified, conversations between LAUSD and LA County are underway, county was given a notice to correct
- Site safety: classroom curtains will be installed, front door buzzer has been approved, security cameras are still being investigated > new maintenance and cleaning has taken place throughout the school, campus is looking better than ever, electrostatic sprayer is used at the end of the day
- Classroom Aide interviews taking place this week to hire the last aide needed
- GATE – Tobisman and Mr. K working on this
- ELL – De La O and Mr. K are coordinating
- Mrs. Weisberg has been named a Donors Choose Teacher Advocate!
- Shared with everyone a PPT slide describing the purview of Leadership Council at the school > things have changed over the years, the school does not have the ability to supersede state and district regulations (i.e. discipline)

6. Committees- Due to COVID we have not held any committee meetings this year so far.

Curriculum:

Safety:

Technology:

Science:

Miria: could we either have a new committee or expand the work of the Safety committee to include issues related to reopening?

Finance committee: established in the by-laws but hasn't met > Mr. K wants to revive this committee in efforts towards transparency

7. Request for public comments:

Miria:

- “Hold harmless” announcement – just want to clarify that we are in the clear to not have any teacher changes for the year (announcement made it sound like it was for the semester) > Mr. K feels strongly that carryover funds will keep us secure
- School photos – we are working with Miriam Geer on this
- How do the teachers/UTLA feel about reopening?
 - Harrell: UTLA is erring on the side of caution, and so far LAUSD is as well
 - Mr. K: discussing cohort/split schedule ideas that were thrown around in the summer, potential use later on to use an app to contact trace
 - Tobisman: not sure how to rearrange classrooms, not feeling great about reopening at this time
 - Kristine Sloan: story about school in Minnesota that opened with hybrid setting and had to close due to cases
 - Harlow: not comfortable being on campus and with her son going back
 - Kayt: Nick Melvoin is looking into making sure no teacher relocation will take place

Mr. K: working to increase curb appeal from the TCB to perhaps increase enrollment; Local District West is doing a virtual school fair in November, Mr. K preparing a video to promote our school; possibly having teachers show lessons to Leadership meetings so parents can get an idea of curriculum across grade levels; working on curriculum for post-COVID 21st century skills (i.e. asteroid mining)

JB: is the school getting student data re: COVID testing? Not at this time > Leadership and room parents can help with promoting student testing

Dr. A: has one student who has it with symptoms

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

Subcommittee meetings: need to be sorted out due to teacher time commitments, Mr. K is working on this