

School Equity Council Meeting

April 2, 2024

Facilitator: Chris Gerber

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81302689068?pwd=MFkxRjFyWGhaeHV0WVNibFFUWmN4UT09>

AGREEMENTS/NORMS

- ★ Start and end on time
- ★ Hearing all voices in all meetings
- ★ Create opportunities for clarifying questions (chat or end of meeting)
- ★ Honor and give space to “first draft thinking”
- ★ Time for readings/documents/notes ahead of time
- ★ Explanations on unknown topics (use of plain language)
- ★ Share out reminders/follow-ups/next steps via email?

TIME KEEPER:
NOTETAKER:

WHAT	HOW	TIME
CONNECTIONS	If you could repeat one day/moment each year, what would it be?	
DISCUSSIONS	<p>Review & Approval of March Minutes</p> <p>Related to Family responses to Climate Survey - how can we make/do we want to make the School Council more robust - subcommittees, advertising, etc?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion for Equity Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What would a robust team look like? Sound like? <p>Related to Staff responses to Climate Survey - strategize about a school-level plan for the low morale?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion for Equity Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Which question/questions in the survey are we trying to address in the Equity Council? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do we need further information/follow-up with staff? ■ What are some ideas that this team has to support morale? 	

NEXT STEPS		
AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MTG	School Council elections	
OPTIMISTIC CLOSURE		

NOTES:

SIP questions:

- ❖ **Was the AY23-24 SIP budget approved by last year’s K-Lo School Council? And does this group need to approve the 24-25 budget?**
 - The School Council does not approve the SIP budget
- ❖ **What happens with any leftover SIP? At what point in the year do you make the decision to liquidate it?**
 - The school does not have the choice about liquidating leftover funds. We are not certain of what happens with leftover funds.
- ❖ **I would like to discuss the specific amounts tied to each category in the SIP budget. (I don’t have access to the document anymore so can't check if that was included in your initial SIP overview)**
 - Attached is the [current budget](#).

Classrooms for next year:

- ❖ **Parents are advocating for the restoration of two streams in 1st, 2nd and 3rd, but are realistic that it is unlikely for next year from the District's perspective. Could the school make the decision to add a class for 1st, 2nd or 3rd -- and either 4th or 5th become single stream -- depending on the specific cohorts and enrollment? If so, at what point would that decision need to be made, and how big of an issue would that be for a teacher to change grades?**
 - This cannot be done without district approval because the Student Registration Centers (SRC) utilizes the classroom allocation at each school to determine available seats in the District (for enrollment).

- ❖ **Is there funding available in the SIP budget to support the Art room upgrades to safely accommodate preschoolers? Or is District support being explore? (age and size-appropriate furniture, a safe handwashing station, cabinets and windows that open and close properly, etc.). Friends of K-Lo might be able to pay for a small amount, but would definitely need more.**
 - We are working with Karen Feeney (Executive Director of Early Childhood) to determine the furniture needs for next year.
- ❖ **Superintendent Greer says she does walkthroughs/“Learning Walks” at schools to discuss hot button issues. When do these happen would it be appropriate for the School Council to be involved?**
 - The visits are not typically pre-scheduled.
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