

January 16, 2024 School Equity Council Minutes

Attendance:

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NOTES:

- ❖ November minutes reviewed and APPROVED
- ❖ Classroom allocations
 - No classrooms will be closed next year
 - Not losing classroom teachers/paraprofessionals
 - We are not adding any more classrooms
 - Incoming 4th grade could be broken into 2 smaller classrooms or admin can do a co-teaching model/departmentalization
 - 44 students have joined KLO since September. How have those students been able to join us? Where did they go?
 - The majority went into SEI classrooms (common for KLO)
 - The district is projecting to our current enrollment (229/230)
 - Goes into our SIP budget, and overall school budget
 - Will the district fix the problem they created with controlled choice?
 - Preschool programming may help mitigate the enrollment issues
- ❖ Cambridge Preschool Program
 - We are gaining a preschool program
 - Preschool program is no longer “special start”
 - Full day preschool for 4 year olds, half of students with IEPs per classroom, 16 students max
 - Those preschool students will then stay at KLO for K and beyond
 - Cambridge program follows school hours vs. private programs that have longer hours (what will families choose?)
 - SEI JK room will become part of CPP
 - The current gen-ed JK/K classrooms will become straight K
 - The KLO is the only school that can physically hold more CPP classrooms if needed in the future
 - The hope is that families will choose CPS preschool over private preschools

- Both classrooms will have all specials (may not be a full 45 min class)
- ❖ General Funding
 - 229 projected students
 - 10,500 baseline budget, different allocations for each subcategory
 - Low income: 56.4% (129 students at \$120 each)
 - \$100 per EL student
 - \$75 per special ed student
 - Self contained classroom allocation
 - Field trip allocation
 - \$72,812 total about \$318 per student (increase of \$13,000 from this year based on projected enrollment)
 - If percentage is off, let Ivy know and they will adjust the allocations for incoming students
 - Para allocation: all SEI classrooms and K classrooms must have para
 - KLO has higher para allocation if denominator is number of students but smaller allocation if denominator is percentage of special ed students
 - Special educators allocation?
 - Being evaluated across district and caseloads are getting shuffled
 - An audit is being done on service delivery minutes (number of students vs service minutes)
 - Look at reassignment of special educators after the audit is finished
 - Audit is expected to be finished before the next school year
 - Technology teacher has been cut to .5 FTE district-wide
 - Title 1 funds add a position as well as additional funds (books and ballers after school and learn with legos STEAM after school program)