

## DRAFT

MLK School Advisory Council  
November 19th, 2024

### Participants

Gerald Yung, Principal  
Martha Schloming, Parent Co-Chair  
Sarah Carpenter, Teacher  
Lucy Alekseyev, Teacher  
Brian Claggett, Parent  
Marzyeh Ghassemi, Parent

### Non-Members

Hannah Wirtshafter- AP  
Jordan Lin, Parent  
Marguerite Hicks-Gyewu, Family Liaison  
Cheryl Green, School Psychologist  
Max, Parent  
Kim Mott  
Larson Hogstrom  
R. Annetta Zhou  
Molly Cohen  
Sorell Massenburg  
Ken Du, Principal Intern

### Minutes

Meeting started at 8:04AM, held at MLK school in person as well as online via Zoom.

Quorum established.  
Minutes approved.

Overview: Mr. Yung previewed a district announcement that our longer school day will continue with 8 hours for next year. While our extended school day has clear benefits, there are also challenges and the next steps will include a review of programming. The process of review will be shared at a date to come.

### Survey

- 222 responses- excellent response rate
  - 210, 95% high support for current hours
  - 157, 71% indicated high impact (major challenge)
  - Preference for current school hours (95%)
- General trends are that parents were largely interested in longer school day
- Plan to share the survey results (numeric) 2with school community
- Close to as unanimous as you can get

Suggestion that we communicate to families that on Wednesdays, teachers stay for professional development and that not all staff are currently 8 hours.

#### 4 Open Ended questions:

What are ways that school day could be improved

General thoughts/observations about commonalities :

- High response rate
- Strong support for ELT
  - Childcare
    - Parents have jobs
    - Concern about lack of spots in DHSP
  - Mandarin
  - More time for academics
  - Recess/ breathing room, transition time
  - Blue Ribbon status- going well so why change anything

Public Comment (9:00)

- Appreciation of sharing Superintendent message

Meeting adjourned: 9:01