

Approved in March

MLK School Advisory Council
February 25, 2025

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
Marguerite Hicks-Gyewu, Family Liaison
Cheryl Green, School Psychologist

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:06AM, held at MLK school in person as well as online via Zoom.

Quorum established.
Minutes approved.

Agenda

8:00 - 8:10 Icebreaker, Norms

8:10 - 8:50 "Coffee with the Council" (informal time to connect, share idea, good conversation)

Future Topics proposal from Gerald: ELA or Math Night, Chinese Language Arts, SEL, Future meeting re: changes for adding new topics

Martha: Proposal for one meeting for ELA, one for Math, and one for KLo/new changes (1 each for each of the three remaining meetings); Might be nice to understand math up through 5th through Putnam; Might need to move the April meeting to the 29th to allow coaches to be able to present, Gerald will check.

Martha: Question about which KLO staff we're getting. We're still waiting to hear what staff we're getting from the district which is being negotiated with the union.

Sarah will ask about getting a replacement for her membership while she is out on Maternity leave.

SIP thinking about using funds for supporting the whole student body or specific groups of students (parent engagement, field trips, community support is where Gerald would encourage us to focus.) SIP will go up next year based on adding kids and with higher needs.

Martha brought up concern about a 3rd grade mix of families as Immersion and NiHao mix.

We think families are interested in hearing more about KLO transition. Talked about how in the past, council participation was higher but has shifted after COVID.

Some suggestions to add an activity to the Potlucks to promote adults interacting with each other before kids grab food and run out. Some sort of unifying prompt or event (neighborhood or world map?)

Discussion about frequency of screeners (3x per year) and MCAS. Kids are sometimes really concerned about doing well on MCAS and we want to minimize that anxiety.

Doc Wayne Therapeutic Recess support will start this Friday. Focus on supporting and organizing activities in 3rd-5th but will work with all students.

Need to host another election in May?

8:50 - 9:00 Open Comment

Meeting adjourned: 8:56