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MLK School Advisory Council
April 25, 2023

Participants

Gerald Yung, Principal (GY)
Martha Schloming, Parent Co-Chair (MS)
Carmen Corbie, School Administration Manager (CC)
Sara Engel, Art Teacher (SE)
Sarah Carpenter, JK/K Teacher (SC)
Alexandria Grant, JK/K Teacher (AG)
Marguerite Hicks-Gyewu, Family Liaison (MH)
Kim Mott, parent of K (KM)
Marzyeh Ghassemi, parent of 3rd & K (MG)

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:05AM, held at MLK school in person as well as online via Zoom.
Icebreaker: 'Favorite April Break Activity'
Minutes: March minutes were approved 5-0 (AG, SC, MS, SE, GY)

'Community Building' Discussion:

- Could the school host a 'Beautification Day'? This could include installing flower planters in recess areas.
- Could the school construct a student engagement space in the sprinkler area, possibly a play structure? The space may be currently underutilized.
- Could the school enhance the rooftop garden with additional seating and bird deterrents to address the bird poop?
- Could the school tile or otherwise incorporate art (possibly mural) on interior walls and/or the inside stairwell.
- Could the school replace automated paper dispensers with manual dispensers?
- MH: City may be able to provide us with planters.
- MH: Math Trails is utilizing the sprinkler area as a "gathering" area for the animals, any installation/change should take that into consideration.
- GY: Building projects need consent from facilitates. He will reach out to the appropriate departments to request a meeting to explore suggestions.
- KM: Could high school departments help with murals or a tile project?

Next Year's Budget

- GY: ELT will be funded next year. Each year is subject to review. General feedback has been very positive about the longer school day.
- GY: Two positions will not have continued funding next year. The two positions are an interventionist and an aide. The funding was from Covid recovery initiative.
- GY: The school will soon engage in a multi-year process to revamp our schedules and instill intervention blocks. We need to move towards a refined schedule that is more efficient and minimizes loss of student learning in core subjects with pull-outs.

- GY: The district will also be implementing strategic tutoring next year to assist students identified in screeners as being more than two years behind in English Language Arts and math.
- AG: Will strategic tutoring be able to include the younger grades (example, JK/K)?
- MS: Should parents begin advocating for continuance of ELT for next year? GY suggested waiting until the budget process begins for the following year.
- Questions were raised over when the tutoring would occur as we have a longer day and the instructional practices that tutors would provide.

Open Comment:

MH: Thank you for sharing ideas about community building and enhancing building grounds.

MS: Thank you for sharing budget updates and new initiatives.

Meeting adjourned: 9:05AM