

1. Welcome:

Ms. Macintosh has joined SSC, filling the empty spot left when Ms. Hennessey stepped down

Attendance: Greg Passeri, Monica Lundberg, Heather Condo, Kate-Burgess-Macintosh, Jessica Nucefora, Amy Scannell, Heather Condo, Vannak Khin, Amy Ventre, Mrs. Tower, Nancy Crones, Cindy Matthews, Jason Welch

2. Parent Workshop Pilot (Mr. Vannak Khin)

Hoping to be in person workshop in spring

Focus on how to use technology, who to connect with for various concerns

Already held a “family circle” at district level. One of barriers: time of day. Many families take busses. May need multiple times. One to one outreach (EL teachers) is key, especially in such a large school

Dojo translates into all major languages except Khmer. ConnectEd does translate into all languages for emails, but not calls.

All EL teachers used translation call-in line to reach out by phone to teachers.

We have staff that speak Arabic, Spanish, and Khmer. We need a Portuguese speaking liaison. We only have one staff member who speaks Portuguese. Many of our new families speak Portuguese.

Another thing that came up at Breakfast w/Boyd: many people just don't want to come inside anywhere because of covid.

Suggestion: getting kids to show parents something they've done as a way to bring in parents

Look at Greenhalge as example: have affinity groups that meet on zoom, provide dinner/ childcare.

Many newcomer families are not on dojo. Currently around 75-80% in elementary, 65-70% middle school.

Maybe target a training for dojo to newcomer families?

Raffle - to join, sign up for Dojo

3. After-School Theater Program (Ms. Neary and Mrs. Burgess-MacIntosh)

Ms. Neary - retired Rogers middle school music teacher, ran theater programs at Wang, McAvinnue

Current afterschool program: 3 groups for elementary (sports, mindfulness, crafts), about 20 kids for middle school (sports, yoga, crafts)

Hope is to use ESSER funds to start, then get 21st century grant for ongoing

4. PTO Report (Mrs. Condo)

Turkey Trot was a big success! Next time, in and out of classrooms is too much. Total funds raised was \$1444. Next is lala books fundraiser. School mask protocols will be enforced. Later in December, movie day w/popcorn (and a surprise for staff).

Going to contact Lowell Sun for publicity.

5. Open Positions

-portuguese speaking family liaison

-district gave all schools a Positive behavior intervention teacher. STEM, because so large, was awarded 2. However mid-year is hard to find. It's posted.

6. Building Improvements

- Newcomer program has been restarted for students scoring below 3 on the EL test. Unfortunately some are in hallway.
- Working on digitizing an accurate map
- Assistant principals' offices have moved twice, to create space for SPED administrative team
- Looking for a way to create 2 music classrooms
- Playground has been greenlighted! Delayed due to supply chain backorders of rubber surfacing. Will go in in spring (can't put in when ground is frozen)
- Looking to transform one of the old locker rooms (currently used for storage) into an art room for next year
- Looking into portables for short term solutions, longer range project for renovations
- In the past, some parents were told the STEM would eventually be moved into another, larger location, or added a second building. A question was asked whether this is still on the table. It's probably not.

7. New Business

- The library needs functional software. The current software is obsolete to the point of non-functional. Without software we would have to check out books with pencil/paper.
- There is a pilot advisory program for middle school in the works. The Instructional Leadership Team is working on it.
- Implementing consistent Tier 1 SEL for middle school
- Will need to reschedule April meeting because it is currently listed for during break

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