

MIPAC Meeting Minutes

9/29/16

Attendees

MIPAC Parents: Jennifer Pang (Chair), Agustin Del Alamo (Co-Chair), Juintow Lin, Rosalie Kuhlmann (Recording Secretary), Ami Barrett

Curriculum Specialist: Jie Gao

Principal: Greg Hauser

Guests: Audrey Shaw, Susanne Dachgruber, Polly Cheng, Grace Pak, Elizabeth Dawson, Debbie Carrillo (CUSD), Lindsey Dennison, Natalie Baptiste (CUSD), Greg Merwin (CUSD), Paula Yousef, Katie Nichols, Kathy Sales, Laura Curtiss-Welsh (MIP Teacher)

1) Meeting called to order at 2:33pm by Jen Pang.

2) Minutes from prior meeting:

Ami made a motion to approve amended minutes from the 9/22/16 meeting. Greg seconded the motion. All were in favor. Rosalie will email approved minutes to Erich for posting on website and to Greg to distribute to appropriate CUSD partners.

3) Current issues:

- Review draft Friends of MIP budget for FY 18
 - No changes suggested
 - a. District will fund Middle school curriculum (books, etc.)
 - b. No additional aides needed
- Update from 9/20 Mandarin Subcommittee Teleconference
 - Teleconference will now be recorded.
 - High school decision was discussed by the board at last night's meeting. However, the board has not yet voted on changing the CVHS decision. Hanover will continue with using CVHS as the high school decision.
 - Hanover has developed a survey independent of CUSD and MIPAC. Questions are NOT vetted by CUSD and MIPAC.
 - a. Survey to be distributed by the district with reminders coming from Greg. Goal is 100% participation by 10/4. One survey per family.
 - b. Results going directly to Hanover
 - c. Feedback to Hanover
 - i. Group expressed concern that a backstory/introduction needs to accompany the survey.
 - ii. There was concern that the survey would be tainted by parental bias
 - iii. There was great interest in how the survey data will be analyzed and how it will be applied (for example, if the survey data would be analyzed per family or per student, or perhaps both ways.

- Hanover is collecting data from each middle school regarding schedules, Before/after school care, etc.
 - MLA currently is the elective, 2nd elective is not guaranteed.
- Communication plan to MIP community regarding work performed by MPAC, subcommittee, Hanover Research, etc.
 - MIPAC to present at Thursday's mandatory MIP meeting on MIPAC activities.
 - Greg to present.
 - Program proposal slide – Ami
- High School MIP Content (Jie)
 - Biggest challenge to address in high school is scheduling. IB is not flexible. Jie has received feedback from other programs that they see 11th graders dropping out of immersion. Students stay in IB but also take AP classes. As a result, there is no room for immersion.
 - IB, as it relates to Mandarin immersion, is not an all or nothing proposition. Note that a student does not need to be in the IB program to take IB classes. For example, if the MLA class was designed for IB, non-IB students could take it.
 - Other work Jie is involved in
 - a. Upper primary grades – working on assessments
 - b. Lower primary grades – developing small group work for students
 - c. 5 aides – just finished aide training to execute on assessments and small group work.
- Additional questions for Hanover
 - No additional discussion beyond survey discussion previously.
- Professional development request
 - One teacher has identified a conference focused on developing skills for project based learning, reader's workshop, and technology. Both Jie and Greg agreed the conference was worthwhile.
 - District has its own training and does not pay for anything supplemental to it. Greg reminded the group that offering teachers supplemental training, regardless of whether it is immersion-related, is a selling point to draw talent to the school/program. This has been discussed previously and agreed upon.
 - a. Conference details: Dec 1-2 in La Mirada - \$415 plus sub
 - b. Jen made a motion to approve the request. Rosalie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

General session closed at 3:37pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 10/18 at 2:00pm in the library.