

MIPAC Meeting Minutes

11/17/16

Attendees

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

Curriculum Specialist: Jie Gao

Principal: Greg Hauser

Guests: Audrey Shaw, Anita Hsu, Paula Yousef, Polly Cheng, Karen Wu, Elizabeth Dawson

1) Meeting called to order at 2:07pm by Jen Pang.

2) Minutes from prior meeting:

Ami motioned to approve amended minutes. Juintow seconded. All in favor.

3) Current issues:

- Update from 11/16/16 CUSD Board meeting
 - Last night, the board voted 4-2-1 (aye/nay/absent) for Newhart as the MIP middle school. Waiting for Martha McNichols to ratify at the 12/14 meeting. Patricia Holloway, the new Trustee replacing John Alpay, may have comments.
 - Based on this decision the following issues need to be flesh out:
 - a. Transportation –Families with need qualify for busing. What about other options? Greg has this action item.
 - b. Before/after school care, especially morning programs – Ami (Mission Viejo Christian) and Jen (Outta Bounds) have this action item.
 - c. Can we look at moving the Bergeson start time? Greg has this action item.
 - d. Zero Period – District looking at this immersion program wide
 - We would like to invite Principal Jeff Jones to the next MIPAC meeting and perhaps have a future MIPAC meeting at Newhart. Greg has this action item.
- Transition from traditional to simplified
 - Change wording to “Introduction and incorporation of simplified characters.”
 - Jie’s research:
 - a. Miller Middle School (SJ) – K-8; 6th grade begin conversion to simplified
 - b. MZHY: Incorporates simplified at Level 7 (7th grade)
 - c. Research indicates that experts/experience feel that simplified introduction should begin in 6th grade, with textbook support starting in 7th grade.
 - d. Pinyin – most other schools that start with zhuyin begin pinyin introduction in 3rd grade. This is probably driven by the introduction of Chromebooks/keyboards in the classroom. Anita and Ami brought up the lack of zhuyin proficiency of our current 2nd graders (due to the previous suspension of

zhuyin in earlier years). Jie has the action to follow up on closing the zhuyin proficiency gap of the 2nd graders.

- **MIPAC Position: Introduce simplified in 6th grade, but instruct in both traditional and simplified through middle school. Greg motioned to approve. Ami seconded. All were in favor.**
- By June 1, 2017, all grades will have closed their MZHY gaps, as discussed in last month's meeting. That means that 5th graders will have completed MZHY Level 5, 4th graders – Level 4, etc.
- MLA textbook for middle school curriculum adoption process
 - Teachers have responded (100%) to Jie in adopting MZHY for middle school and beyond (levels 6-10 as needed).
 - **MIPAC Position: Move forward with getting board approval MZHY 6-10 for middle school and beyond. Greg motioned to approve. Jen seconded. All were in favor.**
- Professional development plans for teachers
 - TPRS (Teaching Proficiency Through Reading and Storytelling). Good for 1st and 2nd grade teachers (Feb). 1 day, \$498 for 2 teachers. Subs \$105/day (\$210). About \$710. Ami motioned to approve. Jen seconded. All were in favor.
 - GLAD Training. OC Department of Education is the HQ; workshop is free for our teachers. Propose DeSalvo and Welsh go the training 1/19-20, 2017 (2 days) as they are both new to the program. Subs estimated at \$420 (\$105/day). Greg motioned to approve. Agustin seconded. All were in favor.
 - AAPPL – This is for assessments starting in 5th grade. This school year would be the initial year. Cost is \$10/student (speaking), \$2.50/student (listening), \$2.50/student (reading). Need to add in writing. Jie can train teachers to run the assessment, saving the program over \$1K. No certification required. Guesstimate \$750 total cost (includes writing). \$450 without writing. Ami motioned to approve moving forward with the assessments for all areas for the current 5th grade class in an amount not to exceed \$1K. Greg seconded. All were in favor.
 - National Chinese Language Conference (NCLC) in Texas (4/6/17-4/8/17), sponsored by College Board and Asia Society. Jie plans on attending this and sharing the information with the teachers. Other than date, no details (such as cost) has been announced for this Conference. Last year's cost the registration cost was \$410 and travel/hotel needs to be added to the cost. MIPAC supports Jie's attendance at this conference. Ami motioned to approve. Agustin seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - \$105 daily sub rate per Juintow.

General session closed at 3:17pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 12/15 at 2:00pm in the library.