

MIPAC Meeting Minutes

1/12/17

Attendees

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

Curriculum Specialist: Jie Gao

Principal: Greg Hauser

Guests: Audrey Shaw, Elizabeth Dawson, Paula Yousef, Polly Cheng, Grace Pak, Paula Loh, Anita Yu

1) Meeting called to order at 2:08pm by Jen Pang.

2) Minutes from prior meeting:

Greg motioned to approve amended 12/15/16 minutes. Jen seconded. All in favor.

3) Current issues:

- Schedule a date in February for meet & greet
 - Next Friends of MIP Coffee Talk is 3/9 (Thursday, 8am). Greg will communicate with Jeff Jones to invite both Jeff and the Newhart PTA president.
- Update on professional development for MIP teachers.
 - TPRS Training (over President's Day weekend): 1st grade – Annie Chang, 2nd Grade – Uma Mainprize
- Teacher hiring for 2017-2018
 - Middle school: likely part time job the first year.
 - a. Position needs to be posted by mid-February – do we need to bug the district to make sure the decisions are being made to make this happen?
 - b. Greg will work with Jeff Jones to move this forward.
 - Bergeson: next year's open position does not necessarily need to be a new hire as the opening is for an English teacher in support of the 50/50 model
 - a. 2nd grade position open now
- Timing for student assessments (AAPL) – 5th grade pilot
 - Jie has already set up AAPL accounts and will train Ms. Lee next week.
 - a. 3rd and 4th grade teachers to be trained as well. Dates TBD.
 - Testing scheduled for April 25, 26 (before SBAC testing)
- Middle School Update
 - Jie has received middle school assessments for social studies – working on the lessons to support.
 - a. Will meet with 6th grade social studies teachers next week to go through the curriculum so Jie can start compiling resources, etc.
 - b. Jan 26 - social studies curriculum meeting (district wide)

- Feb 22 – middle school/high school English writing assessment meeting – can incorporate learnings into MLA curriculum
- MZHY level 6 starting in 6th grade. Ms. Lee will start teaching Level 5 starting in January.
- 5th graders will take an end of year math test to see where they are placed in 6th grade. Majority will place into 6th grade math. Some may test into 7th grade accelerated.

4) Other

- Zhuyin – Jie wants to confirm what the proficiency level/expectations are for K-2
 - Student should be able to blend the sounds to determine new character phonetics as well as dissect character phonetics to master pronunciation. Emphasize Zhuyin as a support, rather than primary, tool.
- Ms. Li (2nd grade) resigned. Her class is currently covered by Joanna Graham (Mandarin speaking substitute). Trying to find a teacher for the class. Joanna is working with Uma and Jie. If Joanna cannot continue and complete the school year, the current fall back is for Jie to teach the class. Jie is a credentialed teacher.
 - Jie is conducting assessments to determine where the 2nd grade students are academically. With zhuyin catch-up and completion of both MZHY 1 and 2 as objectives for this year, understanding where the students' abilities currently are will enable the team to map out what needs to be taught the remainder of the school year. Alternatively, it will allow the team to determine if there are any deficiency risks that need to be addressed in 3rd grade.
 - Note that Joanna is on "loan" from the Y. Her absence from the Y is causing issues within the Y K+ program.
- Jen to reach out to Newhart PTA president to start establishing relationship.
- Jen to reach out to 5th grade parents to determine how many need before and after school care.

General session closed at 3:13pm.

Next meeting: February 9th at 2pm in the library.