

MIPAC Meeting Minutes

9/14/17

Attendees

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

Curriculum Specialist/Teachers: Jie Gao

Administration: Greg Hauser (Bergeson)

Guests: none

Absent: Juintow Lin, Michael Yu, Jeff Jones

1) Meeting called to order at 12:26pm by Jen Pang.

2) Minutes from prior meeting:

Ami motioned to approve amended 5/11/17 minutes. Jie seconded. All in favor.

3) Current items:

- Middle School Update
 - Per Jen – middle school is going well. The Newhart Mandarin teacher is Ms. Endow. She “wowed” the parents during the BTSN presentation.
 - Zero period – Many incoming MIP 6th graders received zero period; not everyone requested zero period.
 - Would like to invite Jeff Jones to the 11/9 MIPAC meeting to provide an update. Jen volunteered to take this action item.
- Current Elementary School Staffing Status
 - U. Mainprize and C. Chang both are planned to be out until January. Mrs. Mak and Jie are the current substitutes, respectively.
 - a. Jie is receiving her full salary via the district. MIP will not be responsible for funding until she resumes her position as Curriculum Specialist.
- Mandarin-Speaking Sub Status (both elementary and middle school)
 - 6th grade already had 2 days with an English speaking substitute.
 - Recommend that Newhart check with the elementary school sub list to identify Mandarin speaking subs.
- Professional Learning Opportunities for MIP Teachers
 - ACTFL Meeting (Nov 17-19) in Nashville, TN
 - a. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages – Annual meeting bringing language educators together from around the country and world.
 - b. APPROVED: Recommend approving 1-2 teachers to attend ACTFL (Nov 17-19, 2017) in Nashville. Program to fund airfare, registration fees, one hotel room, and per diem. Greg motioned to approve. Agustin seconded. All in favor.

- Daily 5 Café (Writing and Reading) 10/21 - 10/22
 - a. A. Chang to attend one day (\$255 registration, no sub)
 - b. A. Chi to attend one day (\$255 registration, no sub)
 - c. T. Kung to attend two days (\$510 registration, no sub)
- Learning walks with teachers
 - a. Greg presented the desire to implement learning walks for teachers to get a chance to observe peers in action.
 - b. Implementing learning walks effectively would require some funding for subs.
 - c. Greg will return with a plan and any associated funding need.
- New Pen Pal Exchange School in Taiwan
 - We lost contact with previous pen pal exchange school – the leader teacher moved to another school.
 - New school is Junhua (金華) Elementary School in Taipei, Taiwan.
 - 5th graders will write letters in both English and Mandarin; perhaps send video clips.
- Installation of New MIPAC Members/ Vote New MIPAC Positions
 - Welcome Michael Yu, new MIPAC parent rep! There is still an open parent rep position.
 - There has been a lack of interest from the FoMIP board regarding board members taking on the two MIPAC FoMIP rep roles. Ami is interested in continuing as the FoMIP rep, but the MIPAC bylaws state there is a two year limit.
 - APPROVED: Recommend accepting Ami Barret as FoMIP rep for a third consecutive year. Rosalie motioned to approve. Greg seconded. All in favor.
 - Discussed reducing the number of parents on MIPAC from 5 to 3 due to lack of interest (2 parent reps and 1 FoMIP rep). Would like to keep an odd number for voting purposes.
 - New MIPAC positions
 - a. Chair – Rosalie
 - b. Recording Secretary – Michael
 - c. APPROVED: Recommend Rosalie as the new MIPAC Chair and Michael as the new MIPAC Recording Secretary. Jen motioned to approve. Jie seconded. All in favor.
 - MIPAC would like to thank Jen, Agustin, and Juintow for their service and dedication.
- Other
 - None

General session closed at 1:35pm.

Next meeting: October 5, 2017 at 2pm in the Bergeson library.