



MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: January 25, 2018 / 2:00 PM
Place: Bergeson Library
Next Meeting: February 22, 2018
MIPAC Parents: Rosalie Kuhlmann (Chair), Michael Yu (Recording Secretary), Paula Yousef
Teachers: Laura Welsh, Jie Gao
Administration: Greg Hauser
Guests: Kevin Nguyen, Steven Ryu (Soka student shadowing Greg)

1) Meeting called to order at 2:05pm by Rosalie Kuhlmann.

2) Minutes from prior meeting:

- a. Paula Yousef motion to approve 12/14/17 minutes. Greg Hauser seconded. All in favor.
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3) Current items:

- a. Mandarin Reading Program - Teacher Survey Status (Greg/Jie)
 - Teacher survey results from Jie. Top 3 results – teachers use classroom aides to:
 1. Assess student
 2. Individual student help
 3. Small group
 - Explore incorporating aides similar to Voyager program for Mandarin.
 - iChinese reader program price has increased since last meeting.
 1. 1st to 6th grade is approx. \$7,000, will provide 1st two months free.
 2. Shared different cost structures if starting from 2nd or 3rd grade.
 3. Concerned with annual price increase and will look to contract on price structure over several years – price guarantee and price history.
 - Teachers can identify/assign iChinese reader books for low readers.
 - General discussion on implementation steps and additional requirements for Jie to take away to gather more information.

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- b. Jie working on curriculum for middle school and started looking into high school. Shared AP requirements with Ms. Endow so she has focus on immediate curriculum.
- *Motion for curriculum specialist position to explore a supply budget to purchase reference books to aide in curriculum development. **FoMIP to structure amount and details. Greg motion, Rosalie seconded. All in favor.***
- c. Middle School Chromebook Update (Paula)
- Currently 17 working Chromebooks available at MIP classroom.
 - PTA in middle school denied funding for Chromebook due to lack of funds.
 - Greg and Debbie exploring Chromebooks for middle school – follow up with Jeff.
- d. District wide immersion program meetings (Jie)
- Representative from each grade level attended.
 - Teachers shared models for teaching different immersion programs.
 - One Spanish programs has cross over between English and Spanish curriculum but Mandarin program is much more difficult to cross over between curriculum.
- e. Curriculum Specialist Position (Greg)
- Greg and Jeff suggestion for middle school is to have 2 people teach 3 sections of Mandarin subjects and 3 sections of curriculum specialist role.
 1. Discussion on 3 sections of curriculum specialist role would only mean 2 sections because 1 section would be for release resulting in less than a full time curriculum specialist.
 - FoMIP supports funding a dedicated curriculum specialist.
 1. Greg states that this approach will not allow fall back to other options.
 2. District will need to approve full time curriculum position for next year.
- f. Sister School Opportunity in Xian, China (Paula)
- Some parents partnered with Global Cultural Foundation in Cerritos to visit school in Xian China.
 1. K-12 school from Xian in favor of being sister school with MIP at Bergeson.
 - Discussed cultural differences between schools in China versus Taiwan as they align to the MIP program.
 - District will need to be involved with establishing sister school.

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- g. High School research (Palua)
 - Paula recommended MIPAC to start researching high school curriculum across the country.
- h. Voluntary buddy system (Jen Peng)
 - Current 6th grade students can help introduce 5th grade students visiting middle school.
 - Middle school has late start on Wednesdays and 6th grade student “buddy” can volunteer to come to Bergeson that morning to help with their elementary 5th grade student “buddies”.
 - Propose having 5th grade classes in the MPR, lunch tables, or class rooms Wednesday morning.
 - All agreed this was a good idea, but no specific action was identified.
- i. Assessment Tools (Ms. Lu)
 - Jie raised topic but presenter is needed. Ms. Lu was not present. Tabled for discussion next meeting at top of agenda.

General session closed at 3:11pm.

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