

Site Council Meeting Notes - Nov. 14, 2022

Meeting began: 3:41 pm

Members: Lori Walter

Aravind Rammohan

Julie Sallquist

Andrea Somerville (Remote access via Google Meets)

Audrey Askins

Toni Kyle

Cara Anguiano

Note Taker: Toni Kyle

Agenda Items:

Calendar Update: information forwarded to District. They are sifting through the feedback from all CUSD schools. We have one more school year after this year to use the current calendar format. Any new info will be shared out as received.

Letter Grade: CTA Independence has earned an A from the state of Arizona. Very excited, not surprised but still excited!

Construction Update: It has begun. Student Council members helping younger students to understand the new entrance and exit flow. Scheduled for 6-8 weeks. Hoping to be completed by Winter Break.

Playground equipment still on same timeline. When we return in Jan – parking lot resurfaced, new front office and new playground equipment should all be completed, fingers crossed.

All normal school activities are happening during construction including normal Fire Drills. We will have a modified Lockdown Drill soon – classrooms continue to be locked until the lockdown is over. During the modified lockdown, when it is announced, no one is allowed in or out of the building at that time. Teachers will be able to teach during a modified lock down, but students remain in their classrooms unless there is a restroom emergency.

Portrait of a Learner: District implemented this year. Looking at the journey of a student from Kinder to HS – characteristics that learners should embody. For now, these topics are part of a conversation – what are we doing in our classroom to teach/facilitate these topics.

Give-A-Thon: We are in the middle of this fundraiser. Quick turnaround - \$5000 mark has been earned – Free Dress tomorrow. This year, the focus is the Special area teachers. All students benefit.

Equity Team: We do have an Equity Team on our site. Ours is Lori Walter, Shaloo Bhatti and Debbie Posniak. The Team meets regularly, receives training, produces a monthly newsletter which helps focus on upcoming holidays. Gives information, resources to help celebrate everyone. Classes have Community Circles to share with classmates and their teacher.

Lori spearheaded the Cultural Fair several years ago. A great educational experience for all grade levels – learning about different countries. Students can also perform at the Fair. Not happening this year due to construction. Cultural Fair Team already in place. Will meet at the end of this year to plan to bring the Fair back next year. Helps to foster relationships within our school, our families and our community.

Ruby Bridges Day – classrooms discussed today (Ruby Bridges Day).

Learning about different people/cultures helps everyone to learn as well as to celebrate who we are.

Lori asked for any feedback on how to celebrate our culture – any ideas to help foster community within our school.

Daddy/Daughter Dance considered not inclusive so will not be happening anymore.

Mrs. Sallquist offered that it's nice to have classroom events to foster that community as opposed to a schoolwide event. She also mentioned Grandparents Day, Lunch with Loved Ones, Pastry with Parents.

Questions:

Motion to Adjourn: Lori Walter motioned to adjourn at 4:12pm

Audrey Askins seconded.