

SEC Meeting Minutes- September 24, 2018

Call to order at 5:34 p.m.

Approval of minutes

School Culture and Climate- Mr. Abdelmawla reported that suspensions have been significantly lower this year compared to the beginning of the 2017-18 school year: YTD= 9 suspensions compared to LYTD=47 suspensions. The drops in suspensions are due in part to more re-directive strategies taking place within the classroom.

Middle School Honor System- The new initiative is being used at the middle school level to provide students with clear expectations and incentives. The system is giving students more accountability, acknowledging those students who are consistently meeting expectations and giving opportunities to students who need redirection in order to earn incentives and get back in good standing with the honor level 1. Ms. Brown reported that this new system has helped improve relationships with students by have open conversations about behavior expectations. The students have been working hard and have already earned two incentives; a movie day and roller skating field trip.

Middle School students will now be sitting in the cafeteria by their homeroom during their lunch hour.

Academic Achievement- STAR testing results:

Math- 35% significantly above target
42% below target

Reading- 15% significantly above target
34% below target

Universal instruction strategies are being put in place to help address student needs. Teachers will be receiving professional development in November provided by the district that will focus on specific instruction strategies.

ACT- The average score for Golda Meir students was 17. A 22 is considered "college ready". Instructional strategies will be aligned to help improve scores, as well as implementing specific strategies at the lower grade levels with attention focused on ELA and reading.

Math- 40-43% of ACT

Average score 17, Students are being tested on concepts learned before 8th grade.

Reading- 55-60% of ACT

Average score is 18.5

Science- 45-55% of ACT

Attention on charts and graphs along with analyzing scientific data.

FORWARD Exam- Results were to be sent home the first week of October with progress reports.

Acceleration Program- Ms. Navarro reported that she is in the process of putting together a plan that looks at historical pattern of tests going 3 years back to create a more flexible process that is equitable and fair for all students. She is looking to find more access points to let students in and reevaluate those students who may not need acceleration anymore. She is also looking at creating pathways for students to get in Advanced Placement courses.

3rd Friday- Student attendance counts must be sent in to the district every day. Our projected student count was 1130 until the last week when Ms. Carter received news that the count had been increased to 1190. The final number sent in on Friday, September 21 was 1163.

\$4000 will be put towards technology and the school is on its way to being 1 to 1 for Chromebooks.

It was decided not to add students to increase class sizes so as to maintain the integrity of the school's program. Elementary classes are capped at 30 students, Middle School classes are between 32-34 students and the High School freshman class is currently at 170 students with a total of 503 high school students.

The 8th grade math position was eliminated and the 8th grade math department picked up classes to support the vacancy. There is still a vacancy for the music teacher and a High School special education teacher has been hired.

Announcements- No school October 19 and 22. The next SEC meeting will be on October 29.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33.