

## 4/9/24 PTO Meeting Minutes

Introductions. Attendance: 15 in person, 6 online

### Becca's Update:

- Planning for next fall and staffing updates (see last page for meeting handout from Becca)  
There will be 3 sections in each grade  
Estimated class size based on current numbers  
K: unknown, 1st: 22, 2nd: 23, 3rd: 25, 4th: 22, 5th: 25
- Changes in staffing:
  - "Having longevity in staffing is important"
  - Little to no change in General education other than Ms Koval replacing Long Term sub Mr Tatro in the 3rd grade team.
  - BRT: Ms Chia-wen will be teaching for ELL across grades
  - PE is required 30 min x 3 days which gives us 1.2 position, more than music (.8 general music + .2 strings), Art is .8, REACH and Library .9
  - 3 CC teachers allotment: 2 currently (Ms Gyorkis and Ms Ashmore), looking for 1 more to replace long term sub Ms Miao (currently have 4 applicants)
  - PST shared with Toki
  - Special Education staff: I will try to keep students with teachers they have worked with but also need to consider with a new hire what will match their skill set.
    - Special education staffing can shift based on 3rd Friday numbers
  - Ms Miller-Bischoff will be the fulltime REACH teacher for K-5th. Ms Betzwizer will be just BRT support.
  - Advanced learning is still split between midvale and here. No change from this year.

### Parent Questions:

- Why are there 2 part time SLPs instead of a full time position?
  - They are shared with another school and a second one was added when the need for speech services increased over the year.
- How will .8 art position be filled in to be 1.0?
  - We can put a request into the district to see where there is a need. Last year Mr Lynch was at Shorewood for one day. We can coordinate a schedule with the other school. The district is expected to find something and cannot offer less than the amount worked the last year unless the teacher prefers that.
- For music, how does it work with the music versus strings allocation for a schedule?
  - Becca: We switched to 3-30 minute sessions. Mr Ziegler was nervous about that but now he shared with me that he likes it better. New schedule was nuanced for the staff and we are looking to see what it looks like.
- Do you have discretionary funds for funding positions when there is a gap (e.g., Art at .8)?
  - No, money is tied to 3rd Friday counts. DPI sometimes has some wiggle room by looking at other factors.
- Other hiring needs for next fall:

- Multilingual team looking for a .5 Spanish BRT.
  - Psychologist: .6 +.2 for climate and culture role which is being added since it's similar in scope.
  - Looking for a new school social worker. She is staying home with her family. Social Worker will be full time shared with Henderson.
- Incoming 5K class orientation update: Made some planning around that. It will include Information and playtime based on feedback from teachers. Thank you for that feedback. Date is set for May 10, 2024.

If you have other questions, just call me or email me.

#### PTO Board Updates:

##### Elections:

Co-presidents: Chrissy and Mimi  
 Treasurer: \*Grace and George Sisson  
 Secretary: Open  
 Communications: Open  
 At large: \*Renee Deschard, Adam Gratch, Joseph Clark  
 \*Individuals nominated for new role.

Motion to vote on office positions by Lauren Harlowe. Joseph Clark seconds the motion.  
 Vote passed unanimously.

#### Budget updates: Ian

- Garden/Green Space Team is applying for the Rooted program (garden education program). Application due in the fall but want to \$4800 + \$200 education. \$450 for maintenance (\$5500 total to be approved as proposed by Ian) which would cover the first 2 years of the garden program. We could use the funds that had been earmarked for the basketball hoops (\$4700) since those were purchased without PTO support last year.
- How much do we have in the playground fund?
  - We still have the \$40,000 from the playground fundraiser but it gets reabsorbed back into the general fund each year.
- Upcoming expenses include stipends for classroom books and afterschool salaries.

Motion to increase the expense limit for the garden expense line item by Renee Deschard, Michael seconds the motion.

#### Volunteer opportunities:

playground/lunch

Conference potluck for Thursday

Carnival volunteers

Megan Reed requested school supply lists from teachers for the school supply box fundraiser. She was on the playground committee and suggested that the playground had room for one more piece of equipment.

Meeting adjourned. Meeting notes by Andrea Olson.

## 2024-25 Planning & Staffing Update

Student Sections (based on April 2024 enrollment)

Grade Level	Sections	Average Class Size
5K	3	NA
1	3	22
2	3	23
3	3	25
4	3	22
5	3	25

### Staffing

Departments	Roles	Allocations
<b>General Education</b> (No Change from 2023-24)	Classroom Teachers Special Teachers	3 Classroom Teachers, REACH, Library, PE(1.2), Music/Strings, & Art
<b>Special Education</b> (No Change from 2023-24)	Special Education Teachers Speech & Language Pathologists Occupational Therapist Physical Therapist Adaptive Physical Education Teacher Program Support Teacher Educational Assistants	Special Education Teachers- 3 (1 CC Teacher) PST- .5 SEA- 6 (part-time) SLP- 2 part time (OT, PT, APE- based on student needs)
<b>Multi-Lingual</b> (No Change from 2023-24)	English as Second Language Bilingual Resource Teachers Bilingual Resource Staff	ESL- 1.5 BRT- 1.0 .5- Mandarin .5- Spanish BRS-3 Spanish, Korean, Mandarin
<b>Pupil Service</b> (Change*)	Instructional Coach Interventionist Advance Learning Teacher Psychologist Social Worker Culture/Climate Coach Culture/Climate Assistant Nurse	Inst Coach- 1.0 Interventionist- .5 ALT- .5 *Psychologist- .6 Social Worker- .5 Clim/Culture Coach- .2 *Culture/Climate Assist-.2+ Nurse- .4

