

SAC Meeting Monday April 18th 2022

Attendees:

Amy Green, Ani Nenkova, Rebecca Geller-Puchalsky, Jessica Mcollum, Theresa Knight, Hilary Danailova, Jim Dugan, Jane M Downing, Vidya Plainfield, Lauran Overton

Opening remarks and Updates: Vidya and Principal Overton

- **Enrollment numbers:** Current enrollment numbers have been shared and will be posted Pony this weekend
- **Algebra:** Update will go out to families. Masterman will likely be dropping the Algebra requirement next year. Concern was shared on the call by parents that Algebra offering is important for STEM fields. Ani Nenkova shared the following link (Here is the USDE note on the STEM pipeline: <https://www2.ed.gov/datastory/stem/algebra/index.html>). Principal Overton will be reviewing the full plan for math across to maximize offerings that will drive the highest outcomes for the most number of children.
- **Mask Mandate:** Kids did well with the mask reinstatement to day. At this time masks will be in place until further notice. Kids continue to have outside eating as an option for anyone who wants to go, however lunch will be offered inside. Currently there is not an outdoor eating mandate.
- **Calendar:** <https://www.philasd.org/calendar/academic-calendar-2022-2023/#cal> 2022-2023 calendar has been posted. Worth noting that there are half days built in for professional development which will help support teachers. First day of school is slightly early, Aug 29th 2022.
- **Parent survey:** Last year participation 39.6% that was an 8% increase, currently participation is 18.9% for this year. The **GOAL:** is 75%. Principle Overton will launch a popsicle party challenge, any class that has over 75% participation by May 13th deadline will get a popsicle party. To make things easier for parent, the QR codes will be sent to parents where student ID is embedded to help remove that barrier.

Principal updates/ Spring Title 1 Spring

- **PSSA:** PSSA are coming down the line starting next week note has been sent to families in the Pony. Parents who do not want their children to participate need to inform the front office. Please note, that kids cannot wear smart watches during the assessment.
- **Spring Title 1 Spring:** PAS will have a back to school night for all grades either in person or virtually if required due to COVID. Slide decks will continue to be available for parents who cannot attend due to timing / scheduling. Annual title 1 meeting will be held in September, to review the budget. Auxiliary funds ~\$3,000 will be used mostly for summer reading resources which has proven to be beneficial to families in the past. Efforts to drive communication and engagement between school and families continue

to be a priority. Something new that will be created to help clarify who the key contacts are is a quick reference contacts flow chart of contacts at the school.

- Hiring season is under way, PAS was able to fill open spots quickly and with great candidates. Interviews under way for new music teacher. New hire details we will be announced in the Pony.
- Max Hibbard will be replacing Jayne M Downing (retiring) next year. He may be joining next meeting as the new contact for the building Rep at the SAC meeting.
- Field trips are coming up and info will be shared with families
- End of year parties and events will be shared with families
- Teachers are starting class configurations for move up of classes
- Professional development is coming through for teachers, to help with online platforms that can be used by students over the summer to keep their skills stable over the summer.
- All students except for 2 got into one of their 5 top choices. 1 student, applied only to private schools and the other 1 student did not make it into one of their top 5.

March 14th 2022 SAC notes were reviewed: Jayne made a motion to approve, Jim Dugar second. Thumbs up vote approved the minutes.

- **Agenda:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hrIj9Wk7zZx15n4Qz7Lglpg3-6vyePOM/view>
- **Attendance:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KJmloZNvwkHPOqSSb0SyPKdkhFq_1ipbS8HJc_jQ_zA/edit
- **Last Month March minutes:** https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DusV_x93t9m6Moq7C2PPrkiVvvlO-PgfTKqdz-H2vKE/edit