

Principal Report to LSC: July 10, 2020

Network & District Updates

Administration rotates to assist other schools in food distribution (Smyth and Galileo).

Received IL state guidance on re-opening in Fall. Awaiting CPS guidance, policies, & decisions regarding scheduling, logistics, etc.

The Board adopted a policy change in response to the State of Illinois Accelerated Placement Act (June 2019) allowing early entrance to kindergarten, whole-grade acceleration (also known as grade skipping), and single-subject acceleration. For entry to the accelerated kindergarten program, deadline was July 2019 and July 2020 for SY22. For single-subject acceleration, we will be informed in mid August if any of our students who applied qualified based on assessment.

Building Summer Updates

- Shades in classrooms (missing) and the entire library will be installed next week.
- Custodial staff are working on 3rd floor and 1st floor classrooms and spaces (detailed, scrubbed, waxed).
- 2nd floor girls and boys-2 new sink faucet installed
- Daily building inspection -inside and outside, boilers cleaning
- Stanton Mechanical-Leak test and refrigerant charging complete (still need to replace oil pressure switch-PO approved)
- Ceiling tile replacements and touch up through hallways and classrooms
- Kitchen Manager office wall painted and vinyl floor removed (need to fix floor and then put new tiles-self leveling material on order)
- 4th floor completely cleaned from old furniture
- Chiller compressor estimate (entire unit needs to be replaced estimated cost \$200,00+)

Budget & Staff Updates

Positions and fund adjustments (if any) are still being confirmed by HR and finance dept.

Mr. David Melia will now be the 4th grade math/science teacher at a CPS school.

Principal awarded \$5000.00 from the Chicago Cahn Advisory Board to be utilized for continued equity project. Would like to utilize funds for SEED to support our equity work (CIWP strategic priority #3) for SEED group workshops provided by Single Story, a unique and innovative Diversity Integration consultancy and agency that raise awareness, increase cultural competency, and deepen their capacity for inclusion. This process engenders an environment where all feel supported, secure, validated, and important.

We will need to meet in August anticipating schedule approvals for fall re-opening and budget transfers once CPS Dept. of Finance releases the FY21 budget to determine if we are able to open TA positions to support small group instruction.

School Updates and Start-up Information

- There are changes to SY21 school schedule based on student needs and teacher feedback: MTSS block revision, lunch/recess schedule. Additional adjustments may be needed based on guidance from CPS including Dress Code.
- We are not participating in summer athletic activities.
- We are looking forward to SY21 with much pre-work happening currently aligned to our CIWP Strategic Priorities (SEL, Math, Equity).
 1. SEL Team developed an entire school year scope & sequence and is currently in process of SEL certification.
 2. Math PLC drafting plan for the year where all math teachers will be engaged in teaching and learning cycles through collaborating on mathematical practices, tasks, and assessments.
 3. Ongoing equity professional learning and training such as diversity training, Leading book clubs, & Check Point Assessment training (standards based).
- All Back to School events are on hold until further guidance from CPS (BTSSB, Supply Drop-off, etc.).
- Wednesday, September 2 will be the first day back to school for teachers and staff. Teachers and staff will engage in PD on Wednesday and Thursday focused on our CIWP priorities (SEL, Math, Equity). Additionally, we have scheduled meetings every other Thursday throughout the school year where teachers will be able to collaborate in teams focused on our action steps for each strategic priority.
- The first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 8. There will be a Principal Coffee Day time TBD via Zoom where administration will present CIWP and school goals and action steps for the school year.