

Franklin School Site Council
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1/23/2023

Meeting Location: On Zoom

Parent representatives: Robyn Meyers, Srini Peddi, Cliff Segil, Mimi Sroka, Wai Mei Lee, Elisabeth Ward

Absent: Lisa Demsky

Staff and administrative representatives: Eran Zeevi, Sheri Hynding, Beth Helphand, Lynne Hampton, Ashley Hatchett

Absent: Vanessa Diaz, Kim O'Hara

I. Discussion Items

- A. Lynne Hampton approved the minutes from 11/14/22.
- B. Mr Zeevi gave an update on Campus Safety. The fence lines along the Kindergarten yard have been approved and will soon be in place. To beautify the new fence a placard with Franklin values has been ordered. The Safety Survey showed that over 50% of the respondents also would like to see a fence line along Montana. The results will be passed on to the District.
- C. A project to beautify the bulletin boards in the main hallway will hopefully soon be in the works. Mr Zeevi hopes to showcase all the clubs at Franklin.

II. Site-Based Communications.

- A. Report cards will be sent home Friday 2/3, 102 Fifth grade students will be going on the Catalina trip and another TK and K roundup is coming up on 1/26.
 - i. Student attendance. Attendance at Franklin is an issue right now with some families seemingly taking three-day weekends. Most absences tend to occur on either Fridays or Mondays. Covid also continues to be an issue regarding absences. Sheri Handing explained what is being done to try to combat chronic absences and how they are being classified: 3 unexcused absences generates a letter sent home. 10% or more classifies the student as chronically absent. Severely chronic are those that are absent 20% or more. Absences can affect permits. SSC, Student Success Meetings are being held when there are concerns regarding absences. Currently there are two students on Student Success Contracts. Most impacted by absences are students with special needs.

Franklin keeps a close eye on all absences and records all the data. Ultimately, if a student occurs a very large amount of unexcused absences, the school has the right to dis-enroll the student, however families have the right re-enroll again if they can prove residency. Overall, Franklin is reporting high numbers but is not one of the worst schools district-wide. A discussion regarding what to do regarding absences followed. Elisabeth Ward suggested that long term health issues are often outside the parents' control and we should therefore not stress the parents further. Instead it is better to target what is in the parents' control, i.e weekend trips etc. Robyn Meyers wanted to clarify how absences affect funding (it doesn't). Her suggestion was also to continue to use the Flash to educate parents about what constitutes an absence. Mimi Sroka suggested using both the Room Parents and the Flash to educate parents about what cleared absences are, and how long families have to clear unexcused absences. Wai Mei Lee said that LAUSD has tried to combat absences around Thanksgiving by giving students the full week off.

- ii. Student enrichment. Dance performances are back and will happen next week. The Math Olympiad is a go thanks to Beth Helphand offering to teach the class. A total of 30 spots are currently available and 4th and 5th graders will be invited to take a test next week. The top scorers from these tests will be offered a spot on the team. At the moment either one or two classes will be offered for Math Olympiad. If two classes, Dawn Silhavy will be teaching the 5th graders. Mr Zeevi also expressed that he eventually would like to also offer something math enrichment to second and third graders. Math enrichment will be offered before school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The top team will compete in Culver City on April 22nd. No spectators are allowed at the competition, however Mrs Hampton suggested that the team could have a dress rehearsal at Franklin, which could be open to all. Mr Zeevi is also working on possibly offering Science enrichment.

B. PTA report. Mimi Sroka gave the PTA report. The Exec Board will be looking for deputies, 4th VP, Treasurer and a Recording Secretary.

III. Public comment

Cliff Segil addressed the fact that the redevelopment of the Franklin campus has been put on hold. Mr Zeevi informed the committee that he found the sequential process to be off and would like to restart the process. As a result of this no new field will be constructed this summer.

IV. Action items

Wai Mei reminded Mr Zeevi that it soon will be time to review the SPSA goals for next year. Mr Zeevi replied that he is currently working on collecting data to base his SPSA goals on. Collection of math data happened during January. Mr Zeevi will give a more detailed update at the next meeting.

Mr Zeevi was asking to receive agenda items earlier in the future and for the agenda to be published earlier.

V. New business

Mrs Hynding is looking for 10 families to pilot a new enrollment program and was asking if the committee could suggest any suitable candidates. First day packages will be continued for now.

Meeting was adjourned.