



SLT Meeting Minutes | November 30, 2016 | 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Cotswold Staff

Alicia Hash, Principal
Kurt Freundt, Assistant Principal
Allison Dowker
Kellie DeBerry
Courtney Lewis
Yvonne Blanchett
Allison Heine
Debra Grimm
Tomi Rael

SLT Members

Allen Robinson, Chair
Lecil Sullivan, Vice-Chair
Laura Fahrney, Secretary
Susie Groves
Ali Hoce
Rashidah Morgan
Elizabeth Morrison

Called to order at 6:03 pm

Welcome and Introduction to New Kindergarten Parent Member – Elizabeth Morrison – by SLT Chair, Allen Robinson

- Allen reviewed the role of the SLT and the agendas of past meetings this fall

SLT interface with CMS School Board

- Allen mentioned that the school assignment proposal Eric Davis previewed with the SLT our last meeting has passed
- Posed the question, how should we monitor school board meetings and activities?
 - Ali Hoce noted that there is a PTA role for advocacy – Michele Abeles
 - Elizabeth Morrison volunteered to lead a committee within the SLT to focus on CMS board matters and communications
 - This role will coordinate and interface with the PTA Advocacy lead so as not to duplicate efforts
 - Additionally, Allen and Eric Davis will set up periodic update calls

Best Practices Discussion for serving Economically Disadvantaged Students

- Rashida Morgan and Patty Drummond researched policies and best practices at other schools related to economically disadvantaged students. Rashida spent time at Billingsville and Patty at Rama Road and shared their findings
- We then compared and contrasted findings to our approach at Cotswold
- Action Items & Next Steps:
 - There is a clear need for extra support by way of tutors (math tutors, specifically)
 - SLT to coordinate with PTA on the following:
 - Recruitment of both math and literacy tutors (in coordination with Michele Hendrix - tutor liaison on PTA)
 - Focus on new and creative ways to find tutors

** Meeting was interrupted due to a tornado warning – SLT relocated to interior room **

- Creation of skill-based tutoring versus grade-level tutoring
 - Work to institutionalize our processes and leverage the talent we have
 - SLT will help coordinate teach-ins by skill for tutors; will nominate a grade-level teacher representative
- Focus on business partnerships to solicit volunteer time / tutoring program support

SLT Committees / Focus Groups

- We will divide the SLT members into various sub-committees / focus groups as follows:
 - Serving Cotswold's Economically Disadvantaged Student population
 - Tutoring Programs (focus in math)
 - CMS liaison / monitoring
 - Technology Usage – understanding current offerings and platforms (e.g. Compass learning); evaluate effectiveness and research / suggest ways to increase usage

- IB Renewal Calendar – Cotswold will have to renew its IB status next year; next year is a self-study ending in March 2018

Other items

- Cotswold will be applying for the Magnet School of America Excellence Certification; this is the 1st year any school could elect to do this; this is also a self-study; certification due June 30th; results published in August 2017
- Ms. Hash encouraged SLT to engage on promotion and activities related to the 2017 Lemonade Day in support of E2D (Eliminate the Digital Divide)
- Allen will follow-up with the SLT in advance of the next meeting with more detail on the committees and requested research by the next meeting in January 2017

Meeting Adjourned 7:25 pm

Laura Fahrney, SLT Secretary