

Site Council Minutes

March 16, 2010

Attendees: Sarah Lewins, Kate Naganuma, John Miller, Nancy Conrad, Amy Stotts, Lorraine Moon

- We will do Math Blast for Spring Break
- Staffing Discussion
 - Staffing is still in process
 - Enrollment increases and free and reduced increases are positive for staffing
 - Markham was staffed to have possibly 4 full-time kindergartens but 3 is the most likely
 - Art is no longer viable in current form
 - PTA is still willing to fund
 - Discussed exploring options for Artist-in-Residence, hiring regular teacher, identifying how other schools implement art
- It looks like there will be some additional funding, perhaps around .5 FTE
 - Ideas for use
 - Increase Music to .6
 - Music would be 2 times a week
 - Would give lower grades more exposure (2x a week)
 - Music fared well on teacher survey
 - Concern about Kevin's schedule allowing a .6 balance
 - Hire Literacy/Math coaches or aides
 - Could work in blocks at appropriate times
 - Could provide more intensive support at upper grades and/or kindergarten, both of which have not received as much as could likely use
 - Could participate in trainings related to new math program next year
 - Move music to grades 3-5, Art for K-2
 - Discussed importance of music for success in all grades
 - Discussed positive possibility for scheduling Title 1 during music for kids not participating
 - Discussed checking with similar schools for managing enrichment time
- Discussed role of enrichment classes
 - Recent teacher survey showed positive opinion towards Music, Art and Playworks
 - Concerns about impact of enrichment classes on academic time and reduced school hours
 - Discussed checking with other schools for managing enrichment time
 - Discussed shifting the timing and frequency of PE
 - Referred to teacher's aides as a way of accommodating class time reduced by number of enrichment classes
- Math and Homework Night debriefing
 - Math night had low turnout
 - Discussed inviting families that need assistance
 - More parent discussion time in future activities
 - Discussed attaching casual interaction with teachers and parents about helping kids to highly attended activities such as the carnival, a second open house

Next Meeting 4/13/2010