

SFC/Budget Prioritization Meeting Minutes 1/25/22

Parent Attendees- Molly Allen, Joshua Burrell, Joceyln Casser, Warren Chambers, Katy Chib, Bethany Gregg, Molly Mara, Toja Okoh, Zafar Shah, Mariya Strauss, Amalie Ward, elmartin@comcast.net

Teacher/Staff Attendees- Leaha Charles-Pierre, Karen Ginyard, Elizabeth Piatt, Keisha Samuel
Administration in Attendance - Principal Sara Long, AP Bethany Jacobs, AP Michael Johnson, Resident Principal Sedrick Smith

Budget Prioritization for FY 2023 - today

2nd meeting will be the Budget Forum (when we have our \$/budget in hand)

3rd/Final meeting- Budget review

Budget Prioritization:

3 Buckets:

1- Academic Programming (1:1 tutoring, full-time intervention, special education services, gifted & advanced)

2-Social Emotional Learning (not just those with diagnoses, but anyone who is having a hard time with COVID, anyone experiencing loss)

3- Programs and Services (sports, young audiences plays, assemblies)

Reports back:

Group 4-

Academic Programming: more information to parents about the IB MYP, improvement of foreign language- building out Spanish or maybe making languages the centerpiece of our school (add other languages); stronger STEM and more hands on chemistry

SEL- Prescribed curriculum for K-8 from race to gender to healthy relationships, conflict resolution, anxiety- focus on something each week for the whole school.

Programs and Services- Environmental literacy

Ms. Ginyard's Group-

Academic Programming- not taking away anything that we currently have (we love intervention teacher) Would Add pullouts for Extension

SEL- we love having a school psychologist and social worker on site.

Programs and Services - keep robotics, Girls on the Run, Basketball

Mariya Strauss' group-

Academic Programming- we may have increased enrollment next year from students returning from the all virtual year

SEL-focused heavily on this. Our students are struggling with the transition from virtual back to school (and the ongoing instability that is beyond our control). They are overwhelmed and maybe don't have an outlet and seeing lots of acting out behaviours. Yoga, mindfulness, meditation. There had been a partnership with a yoga organization as part of resource several years ago and it was Holistic Life Foundation does mindfulness and Ms. Long says she has a purchase order out for them for the remainder of the year- on the off-weeks from Ms. Klinkenberg who is only here every other week.

Molly Allen-

Academic Programming- Keeping Class-sizes small is a huge priority (staffing) Questions: if PTO raised money could the money go into paper/materials so that more staffing can be hired out of the school budget? Answer- yes.

SEL- Restorative Practices

Questions - Capital Budget improvements are outside of the 3 buckets? Air conditioning for the LB is still a big priority. Principal Long said it is separate.

Locked positions- at the next meeting when Ms. Long has the budget given to her she can tell us which positions are locked. Psychologist, Special Ed, Social Worker come from City schools budget. We currently have a full-time Social worker, part time school psychologist, part time school counselor who has been out and will be out the rest of the school year

If parents are interested in starting a club- Ms. Long said she can put the volunteers through the background check process and they can lead a club. Mariya suggested that be put out as a Bloomz post now so people can start the background check process and thin about clubs for Spring or next fall.

Surveys were posted and meeting was adjourned.