

PTA Curriculum Meeting with Primary Principals

November 3, 2022

- Meeting began at 9:30 AM and ended at 10:23 AM
- Agenda:
 1. Introduction of primary reps
 2. New math curriculum implementation
 - Additional parent resources
 3. New writing curriculum
 - What will this look like at the primary level?
 4. Parent communication throughout the primary schools
 - Curriculum committee involvement in helping to send out links/info/additional resources
- Attendance:
 - Administrators: Audrey Bellovin, Suzanne Viscovich, Eileen Vota
 - PTA Curriculum Committee: Ali Calame, Danielle Kunz, Mandy Liu, Meredith Mormile, Colleen Mullin, Alyssa Vitez
- Recap of meeting with Dr. Cannone on 10/27/22
- Bellovin: Math Night
 - Curriculum focus on creating mathematical thinking
 - New way to deliver competencies (i.e. Shake and Spill: expression vs equation) and mastery of vocabulary
 - “I used to think, but now I know...” parent feedback (positive- children engaged in collaboration)
 - What assessment looks like (teacher observation and paper/pencil, word problems read aloud 3+ times- less emphasis on clue words)
 - Looking at possible additional Math Night in the spring, sending home resources including routines and warm ups
 - Same resources/ practice pages/ math coach across all three primaries, but tailored to each class individual needs

- Suggestions for increasing parent participation in Math Night
 - Similar to PARP that would include children for a family math night
 - Illustrative Math provide a presentation? Open-source curriculum (challenging to navigate the Kendal Hunt version)
 - Send the info through the class parents- many parents were unaware that it was happening
 - Flyer out in take home folder with QR code
- Writing Curriculum
 - Viscovich: committee analyzing on-demand writing samples
 - Vota: Currently using workshop model, inventive writing/ spelling, conference with teacher, generally send home writing but looking to hold onto for analysis and looking for transfer of knowledge from Foundations
 - Rigor in primaries
 - Narrative writing- given same model, hone in on specific details of a larger event, differentiated
 - Writing in math- use words/ pictures/ sentences
 - Writing throughout the day- labeling, directions, address
 - Writing a digital book with Book Creator
 - Typing
- Parent Communication
 - How to get the information out to parents
 - Principal Newsletter at the end of each week
 - Webinars to teach parents how to use Parent Square
 - Info through class parents
- Next meeting with Dr. Cannone in January, joint Primary Principal meetings
- BOE meeting next week with interactive play