**Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC) Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

**Meeting held virtually**

Sharon called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm

Members present:

Sharon Chaney - Chair/Golf Manor Rep Monique Johnson - Resource Coordinator

Amber Simpson - principal Tami Kauffmann - Parent Rep and Vice Chair

Paisley Starbuck - 3-6 Teacher Rep Annie Coates - Parent Rep

Wendy Puthoff - 6-9 Teacher Rep Laura Weber - Parent Rep

Dan Thress - 9-12 Teacher Rep Denisha Brazzle - Para Professional Rep

Melissa Kyrlach - Para Professional Rep

1 Approval of minutes from November

* Motion by Sharon Chaney, seconded by Annie Coates. All voting members approved

2 Principal’s Report - Principal Simpson

* + - Noted that staff was observant for signs of trauma for students who may not receive services they rely on at school during the holiday break.
    - Panorama Survey Data

i) School Culture and Climate is a primary initiative at PRM. Panorama Survey helps to measure areas of school climate and culture. LSDMC reviewed Panorama Survey data, which was administered in fall and spring to stakeholders: staff, students, family.

ii) In a comparison from fall to fall, considerably less responses from staff -possibly because of influx of new staff. Slightly more repossess from students. Students begin taking survey in 3rd grade.

iii) The survey noted mainly areas of improvement: for students, with school belonging and school engagement; self-management decreased. For staff there were improvements in categories of well-being, staff-leadership relationships, and school climate. There were favorable increases across the board for most categories in the family survey.

* + - High School Lottery Process

i) For the past 2 years, PRM 6th graders have had a guaranteed seat at Clark High School. CPS School Board voted Dec 4 to remove that seat because there is a legally binding agreement with Hyde Park community about capacity of school. Now limited to 135 spots for East Side Montessori school (PRM, North Avondale, Sands).

ii) The lottery process was delayed until Dec 6 (instead of Dec 1) because of this announcement. Because of the difficult timing of this decision, PRM sent multiple messages across various platforms to inform parents of the change.

iii) Annie noted a perspective from the Clark community: Because of the overcrowding at Clark, Clark hopes to take more control of guidelines for enrollment (such as years in Montessori environment) as was the practice several years ago.

iv) Tami noted the climate of the PRM 6th-grade parent perspective, which included concern and some frustration primarily due to the difficult timing of the board’s decision.

3 Resource Coordinator’s Report - Monique Johnson

* + - Spelling bee had 22 winners; more info published in Rocker
    - Ms. Andrea, administrative assistant, departed with best wishes and gifts
    - Grandparents day on Nov 17 a success!
    - Progressing along Health goal, with 29 out of 100 students served so far.
    - School lost and found items donated
    - Hands-Around-PRM on Nov 8 - increased numbers after a few years of lower numbers
    - 70 Boxes donated during Thanksgiving Boxes program
    - Currently at 759 enrollment

4 Districtwide meeting: PRM did a wonderful job presenting!

* + - PRM featured as a model for other schools for having an exemplar equity group that functions for our school and connects to our parent leadership.
    - PRM also featured as an exemplar for our One Plan because of its engagement as a working document

5 Ad Hoc Meeting Update - Annie Coates

* + - Nothing new: discussion before presenting to board their plan of separating into quadrants, building a third school, and building a junior high partnership for 2 of those schools.

6 Lead Agency Mid-Year Evaluation

* + - Monique left the meeting for the evaluation
    - Our lead agency is YMCA, and Monique is an employee of YMCA
    - Evaluation Due Jan 31 and successfully completed in our meeting

7 New Business

* + - A note from Principal Simpson re: concern on school Facebook page about nails in tires: this phase of school construction has not required many nails, and a magnet roller is used for loose screws. There are also other possible sources for loose nails in PR.

The meeting adjourned alt 4:13 pm. Sharon motioned, and Paisley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.