

Site Council 3/11/24

Warm Welcome

Attendance

Staff members: Anthony Bromberg, Shannon, D'Aurora, Margaret Price

Community Members: Paul Cone, Jessica Colby, Kelly Fisher, Megan Robertson

Other Attendees:

Approve last month's minutes (scroll down to see): Approved

Topics:

- Check-ins
- Application Process
- Closes this Friday March 15, Opened February 15, approaching 400 applicants, vs. over 300 last year
- Huge shoutout to Susie and Office team for facilitating tours
- Huge shoutout to 8th grade (and other grade) tour leaders
- Lots of attendees for info session - smallest one was 50

Jessica Colby asks, what are we saying about students of color? Anthony says we don't have a lot of students of color applying. We do have BIPOC students leading tours. It's made explicit at info sessions that we are doing what we can. We don't see applicants' race and ethnicity. We do specific outreach via phone and specifically try to target students of color. We don't have access to non-ACCESS students info in Synergy.

Application cycle has been bonkers with so many applicants. One grade level of concern is 2nd grade has the fewest applicants and fewer than last year. Fewer people qualified from 1st grade than last year. Worried it will be more white and male. Have talked with Michelle York about an easier lift for 1st grade teachers, but it's not happening this year. Might have missed MAP testing because of strike, etc. Will hit triple digit applicants for 6th grade alone.

Megan asks is there an update on becoming a demonstration school? We're working on it with each other but no updates in terms of how we would share with other schools.

Megan asks any update on applicants having to provide score data? They are emailing the score data to E&T. Don't know what's being looked at prior to March 15. Worried since 30% were thrown out before.

Jessica asks, any update on equity checklist/community building? Nothing on equity yet. Heard back from 5 or 6 parents who are excited about community building. Is it more important to fundraise, or more important to bring community together? A big part of it right now for Anthony is making it not feel like the foundation is the community building option.

- Staffing

We either need to raise more money or get a bunch of volunteers because some library staffing is being lost. Still opportunities to tell interim super and board about what's important in the budget. Counselors will have to spend more time at lunches because our restorative coordinator budget is being cut. Going from .75 to .4 for library for Ms. Pan -- only being funded for elementary specials. Were able to give Ms. Martin .3 in the library from foundation, but need that \$ for second counselor now.

With the date change around Outdoor School, more students are excited about it in the spring.

Wonderings:

Optimistic Close:

Making dinner!