School Site Council

March 20, 2020

Successful meeting using ZOOM as the video conferencing platform: Attendance Lisa Van Thiel, Lisa Tenczar, Lisa Hogan, Destine Keovilay, Katie Jones, Loubna Belamar, Young Joo Eweka, Joseph Braga, and Annie Keophila (portion of call)

Absent: Anushka Dasgupta

Minutes:

\* Introduction of Joseph Braga from Salem Five Bank – Joseph introduced himself and stated he looked forward to working our SSC

\* Katie presented information from the District’s School Site Council Budget Summit and explained the District’s moving away from the district deciding how funds will be used to a “Fair Student Funding Model” that allow individual schools to decide how money is best utilized based on their specific needs- as voted on by the SSC

\* Review the budget-

-The group voted and agreed upon to funding eight paraprofessionals – we would look at ways to funded through grant other items.

-Decrease funds allotted for teacher classroom supplies – shared supplies budget remained the

same

-Funds allocated for a Social Worker as well as Stipends for teachers involved in afterschool and enrichment activities was identified as needed.

-Discussion around funds for playground was stated this is (equipment or capital funding need) and was not part of FSF formula at this time

-Lisa will send out a revised copy of budget and post with minutes. Please email back acknowledging approval of budget.

\* Books donation from On The Move will be distributed to all students along with the survey when we return to school or will be delivered to students homes by volunteers should we not be able to return to COC

\* Teachers are working on finalizing request for capital improvements and have been asked to prioritizing the items – final list will be forthcoming and shared with School Site Council.

\* Family Engagement and School Climate Survey were considered lengthy, but it was agreed that the 22 questions were necessary- Feedback was provided and Lisa will make a few minor corrections/suggestions were made regarding wording and layout.

\*The School Improvement Plan is going to be condensed in order to be posted on the website and shared with the committee for review. The group voted on the long version and all agreed to the plan.

Topics/Discussions to be continued:

Playground, parking, signage, and exterior repairs,

School safety (ie: greeter at the door- potential parent volunteer)

Ideas for parent volunteers included video reading of books in different languages

STEM activities in the gym for many classrooms to take advantage

Broaden game day, playdough-making day, end of module craft or activity in the gym – further discussion is needed

-In regards to ideas for the playground LVT will be setting up a Dropbox for everyone to contribute ideas for a playground – keeping in mind that we are looking to keep multiple areas available and used for different purposes (i.e.: climbing/gross motor, bike riding, sensory items, imaginative play, etc.)