Parent Advisory Group

October 20, 2020

LPS members: Gretchen Petersen, Kurt Moellering, Amy Davis, Jen Thorell, Debby Worcester

Parent participation: Christine Carey, Rachel Clouse, Roslyn Michelson, Tim Flood

Update:

75% Attendance for in-person for students win

25% of students staying home remote learning

This is our 50th year LPS, we need are celebrating.

Head of School (background):

Kurt Moellering – been working in SPED for 16 years

766 schools or private LD schools

Was: MS/HS math teacher/tudor, HS English teacher, Writing tutor, Orton-Gillingham,

Last 10 years Division Head – for upper school at Carroll School

COVID update:

Monitoring communications

LPS is cautious and being safe

Students in cohort – separate from a lot of their peers

Has affected all aspects of the program

Lot of new staff because of COVID – not without impact

Every morning: Principals, Head of School, COO, CFO and Nurse meet

to discuss where we are at with COVID

No impact on our community; as of yet

Look at the numbers presented by State

9.5 of 100k across Massachusetts (average of two week)

LPS is not tied to any one town and what they are doing for COVID

LPS talks to Newton Board of Health, DESE and maaps schools to discuss COVID

LPS is ready if we go remote

If it is too risky to bring students/staff to school will make the decision to go remote

Once that decision is made then a lot of communication will be going out to notify people

If a staff/student member tested positive –quarantine at home for 14 days -.close school for

5 days to disinfect

Classrooms are getting fresh air circulating – will be more difficult in winter with

windows cracked open

will have hepa filters to circulate

Talked about tweaks to our program as presented

Small cohorts staying safe – can’t get rid of cohorts but add more students to cohorts

Then add more teachers in classroom – would shrink individual classes

Tweaks will not happen until 2nd week of November starting new term 11/6/20

Volunteers Parents In Education

Another parent group

Plans experiences for students

If parents want to volunteer email Gretchen Petersen at [gpetersen@learningprep.org](mailto:gpetersen@learningprep.org)

Grandfriends Day

October 28th at 10:00a.m.

Will be a zoom (one zoom link)

First introduce Administrators

Videos to watch

And Celebrate Learning Prep School

Curriculum Night

Parents will follow students schedule for that day

Receive an overview for each class

MCAS

Is happening for School Year 20-21

5th-8th Spring as always

9th Biology June

10th – ELA and Math in May

Speaker Series

Dr. David Stein, neuropsychologist

Zoom on December 2, 2020 at 6:00p.m.

Founder of New England Neurodevelopment

Information on presentation:

**This presentation will guide families and professionals through the process of neuropsychological and psychological testing from when adults are first concerned about a child, through the testing process itself, and review the expected outcomes from an assessment. The presentation will focus on practical guidance as to how to engage in an assessment and to support children and families using evidence-based methods after testing is completed.**

**Event link and RSVP info to come!**

In school updates:

Spirt Days

Pajama Day

Crazy Hat Day

Wacky outfit Day

LPS Blue/Green or LPS gear Day

Book Fair

Will be on-line

Dates: October 26th through November 8th

Every dollar spent is supporting Learning Prep School

Yearbook

Portrait pictures for remote students

Any student that is remote and didn’t get a picture more information to come how to get this done

GSA

Starting in Middle School

Already in High School

Student Council

MS and HS

Communication and Partnership

Every Friday **Korina** sends home communication/newsletter to parents

Make sure you are receiving every week

Thank you to all parents!

Keep in touch and email if need to talk to Kurt Moellering [Kmoellering@learningprep.org](mailto:Kmoellering@learningprep.org)

Questions from parents:

Question: Could we have the newsletter each week be put on the parent portal and take down last years?

Answer: Yes, that will be communicated and taken care of by Korina, Admissions Director.

Question: How is curriculum for classes that don’t have a new staff member being given to students?

Answer: For Computers specifically we have a teacher, who use to teach computers, putting

up the assignments for students.