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

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

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.