

Updated SLT Meeting January 2022 Approved Mins

In attendance: Señor Sinchi, Dr. Froner, Ashanti Ramirez, Tamar Shoshan, Oumou Sow, Khamani Brown, Archi Dasgupta, Miah Reyes, Allyson Barrera, Ms. Berger, Ms. Byala, Naomi Sharp, Ms. Farulla

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by Mr. Sinchi

Minutes from the December 13th, 2021 meeting were called for approval. Ms. Berger motioned to approve the minutes, Ashanti offered a second.

SEL Check-in: What was one highlight from your weekend?

Old Business (a. Holiday Party Debrief b. St. Jude Fundraiser Update, c. Google Classroom Assignments, d. Uniform

a. **Holiday Party Debrief:** All stakeholders reflected that they enjoyed the holiday party, the orchestra's performance during fourth period was especially nice. The PA will reorganize decorations in preparation for next year with particular focus to represent each religion equally and accurately. Going forward, the student body will take the lead on decorating the school for the holidays.

b. **St. Jude's Fundraiser Update:** Mr. Sinchi shared that the Saint Judes fundraiser was very successful: raising \$320 for the charity. Going forward, the PA venmo account can be used to fundraise for school events. The two winners from the fundraiser raffle have been selected and will be announced later this evening via email.

c. **Google Classroom Assignments:** Naomi and Tamar shared that they experienced improvement in the deadlines for assignments (Being no less than 24 hours. In response to slight confusion, Dr. Froner stated that teachers should not assign google classroom work when absent since there is no guarantee that students will have access to computers. Dr. Froner will email teachers with this updated memo.

d. **Uniform:** Ms. Byala shared that the PA set money aside for the uniform funds. Dr. Froner reflected that he has heard no recent comments on students not being in uniform.

New Business:

a. **Principal's Report:**

b. **Regents Week Feedback (Tuesday- Friday 01/25-28/2022):**

- Mr. Sinchi shared that there is a committee for Regents Week planning (staff and student council). Dr. Froner shared the current plans.
- Tamar read out a list of student council brainstormed ideas.
- Dr. Froner proposed having the three grade-wide mixers back to back that week.
- Naomi stated that for AP classes losing a week of instruction could be challenging- She suggested keeping instruction without grades attached

c. **(Excused) Absences vs Regular Absences (bubble sheets and Jupiter):**

- Dr. Froner clarified that those marked absent are marked because they are not in school for instruction. Tamar reflected that some stress surrounding absences on the transcript is college application related. Dr. Froner shared that there is an official code to clarify when an absence is COVID related. The message given to the school is that there are new student consent forms.

d. **Hunter College Booster Requirement by 01/15/22**

- Ms. Byala asked, on behalf of the PA, what the status is for the seniors [and all students] at Hunter regarding booster shot requirements? Dr. Froner is waiting for an official response from the college. Ms. Wilks has not put out any recent information as an update, students will not be removed from the campus if they are scheduled to receive their booster but not yet boosted.

e. **Information with in Testing frequency and current rate of infection:**

- (Dr. Froner): MSHS students are at about 8% of infection currently grades 9-12. 17% of staff are currently positive. Testing is twice a week with testing of about 3% of students and 10% of staff. Take home kits have been distributed and there is an abundance.
- Ms. Berger: What is the student attendance?
Dr. Froner: Thursday @90%, some days were in the eighties. Teacher attendance is not as high, there are currently four working substitutes in the building. Since there is only one testing site for

the school, only 3% of MSHSHS can be tested. Both unvaccinated and vaccinated students are tested.

f. How are the staff, teachers, and admin hanging in? Do they need anything? (Some type of Appreciation):

- Ms. Farulla: Dr. Froner and Ms. Farulla were asked by the PA when it was a good time to have a luncheon together. She stated that the vibe is very different around the school but she feels supported. Ms. Byala offered coffee provided by the PA (every other week) to staff.
 - Mr. Sinchi echoes Ms. Farulla's sentiments in feeling supported by the school community. He shares that it is very stressful to be a teacher currently because of covering other classes. Both he and Ms. Farulla expressed their appreciation to the PA.
- g. **Peer Tutoring Program:** Naomi: The student council is setting up a peer tutoring program. The goal is for students to help one another with assignments and also create student bonds. This will start in the second semester. Ms. Farulla offers her support from last year's Peer Tutoring program.

The meeting was adjourned.