

Home/Hospital Planning Committee Minutes
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018- 2:30 PM

Present: Tony Robinson, Candace Rubin, Deborah Green, Lisa Silverstein, Kelly Nauerth, Michele Mazzola, Laura Tai-Maneiro

1. Minutes of November 15th, 2018 Meeting: Approved
2. Update of Mold in Bookroom: Tony contacted district maintenance the morning after our November meeting. Stacy Darby, who handles environmental concerns for district, used multiple devices to determine that there is no mold in Rooms 430A, 430B and the Book Room. The only thing she found was rust. We are also concerned about the water that streams in the back wall when it rains. Tony reported that this will be fixed, but maintenance needs a dry period with no ice or rain to reseal the outside cement. He said the inside wall can be repainted during the summer.
3. Update on CASE and Observations: Our new CASE is Mark Ferraro. He will be located on our floor, even though he will also service other programs in our building (YM&IHA, Big Picture and Youth & Justice). Tony will do all observations outside of the building.
4. Teacher Assignment Process: Tony leaves all assigning to Kelly. If there are specific issues of concern with an assignment, teachers can make their grievance to Kelly. Tony praised Kelly for making all assignments with the utmost professionalism and care and said she should not be demeaned by anyone in our program. ****Update:** On 1/6/19 Tony emailed all H/H Teachers: “The greater concern of switching of students, is that there is a regular small group of teachers that are requesting these switches. I have indicated to Kelly that these requested switches need to be stopped and if a switch is requested it should be going through me. Please follow the request that has been made by Candace, which indicates that we need to be cognizant of our peers when we ask for these changes to occur.”)
5. Budget Updates: We questioned whether Tony has heard anything regarding next year’s budget. Tony is anticipating district-wide cuts for administrators and teachers, but Special Ed should not be touched, so we expect our program will be OK. The Distinguished Educator made many recommendations and the deepest cuts will be made furthest from the students.
6. Grievance on Hiring: Tony responded to the grievance and sent it to HCI, where they will review and decide if it needs to be addressed. If there are to be changes to the status of any substitutes in our unit, Tony said RTA needs to contact HCI and HCI will then contact Tony.
7. Clarification on Substitutes: For years we have had a deficit - too many students and not enough teachers. This fall we were down in student numbers, but now that we are full, Tony would like to bring in one of the teachers we hoped to extend an offer to over the summer.
8. Unfinished: Candace feels our students can benefit from participating in Roc2Change: Students Summits on Race. Tony agreed and said Candace should get information to all H/H and YM&IHA teachers.

Next Planning Meeting: Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 - 2:30 PM