Minutes
Leavitt Middle School
School Organizational Team Meeting
In Person in Library or via Google Meet
April 4, 2024
4:45 pm – 5:45 pm

School Organizational Team Members:

Monica Venturino, Member
Robert Vadovic, Vice Chair
Lana Roper, Principal
Amanda Stephens, Community Member
Brandon Shepherd, Member
Reagan Hughes, Student Member
Sarah Hudson, Member
Ashley Horton, Member
Jeremy Herman, Chair

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It is asked that speakers be respectful to each other, Team members, the principal and school district staff.

1.0 Welcome and Roll Call

Members Present:

Lana Roper
Monica Venturino
Sarah Hudson
Jeremy Herman
Robert Vadovic

2.0 Old Items

2.1 Review and approval of March 7, 2024 SOT meeting minutes

- **Motion to approve the minutes**
- **Second motion to approve the minutes**
- **Minutes approved**

3.0 New Items

3.1 Hiring Updates

- **Hired a 6th/7th science teacher**

3.2 Parking Lot Safety

- **A parent is volunteering to help with the parking lot, but the changes are causing a lot of traffic**
- **A work in progress**

3.3 Summer Professional Development Updates

- **PBL World has been paid for (in CA over the summer)**
- **12 staff trained in PBL at Leavitt in June**
- **Ron Clark in the fall**
- **ISTE (tech conference) in Denver over the summer**
- **Project Lead the Way training this summer**
- **PLTW training for electives staff**
- **ELA training this summer**
- **Carnegie training for math teachers**
- **Amplify training for science teachers**

3.4 Districtwide Survey Results

- **Student attitudes toward learning can be improved through a better roll-out of the houses; new staff don't understand the purpose of the house system**
- **Discussion of improved communication with parents**
- **Discussion of bullying and safety**
- **Discussion of Google Survey assessment of students' perceptions of bullying and safety**
- **Parent members believe that bullying and safety are the biggest issues facing the students and that we should take steps to address the problem**
- **Review of survey between SOT meetings and discuss three areas we can work on**

4.0 General Discussion

4.1 Color Run fundraiser updates

- **Updates about color run: fundraising window opens on 4/10 and lasts until the day of the event on 4/24**
- **Notice to parents about dyes and possible allergies related to cornstarch in colored powder**

4.2 Items for future agendas

5.0 Information

5.1 Next meetings (subject to change): 5/2/24

6.0 Public Comment Period

- **Meeting ended at 5:46 pm**