

Ulis Newton School Organizational Team meeting was called to order via face to face and Google Meet at 3:26 pm on 9/23/2024

1.0 Welcome and Roll Call

Voting Members Present

Kasey O'Horo, Parent
Samantha Olson, Licensed Staff
Janelle Willis, Parent
Shannon Johanneck, Parent
Stephani Glines, Licensed Staff

Absent:

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Shawna Yelton, Assistant Principal
Meaghan McGowan, Principal
Ashley Johnson, licensed

Others in Attendance:

Gina Topher
Mindy Wagstaff
Sara Horne
Jenny Walsh
Monica Farrell (is now licensed staff)
Alice Bellini
Kerri Leonard

Online:

April Zemski, Support Staff
Rebecca Hickey
Amy Riggs
Anthony Ficarro, licensed staff

1.0 Welcome, Roll Call, & Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Approval of August Minutes, Motion by Sam Olsen, Second by Kasey O'Horo. Minutes Approved.

2.0 Old Items

- 2.1 Fall MAP results**
- 2.2 Updates of opening of school**
- 2.3 Data on SBAC/SPP**

3.0 New Items

3.1 Budget & SOT vote

- **CCSD Budget deficiency**
 - **Newton Appealing, not sure they believe they didn't account for 8% raise and Professional Growth Program (PGP raises)**
 - **Newton appealing, Appeal included impact on students, staff, families, culture, how many hours new teachers prepared.**
 - **CCSD reviewing appeals based on need. However, Newton classes are below the CCSD of standard teacher to student ratio**
 - **Demanding appeal decision by this week, budget closes 9/27/24; next year's budget starts 10/1**
 - **Newton had planned on a carry over of over \$200k—which will absorb some of the deficit**
 - **Affects 3rd grade group which has 45 kids below grade level, behavioral problems**
- **If parents want to write appeal letters “it couldn't hurt”.**
- **CCSD claims they are going to make this as right as they can.**
- **CCSD told them they had to spend money they had or it would be taken from the schools.**
- **Plan B—Budget Overview shared, current count day 521 students (9 less than expected) 430 gen ed; 91 special ed**
 - **We can afford 22 gen ed teachers 1 counselor, 4 specialists, 1 strategist, 1 AP, and almost all of our current support staff**
 - **Kinder 60 (actual 56) 3:19 (Farrell position dissolved—14 students, making ratio 3:19)**
 - **1st 70 (61) 3:21 or 4:16 (CCSD 1:22)**
 - **2nd 80 (70) 4:17 or 5:15 (12 students affected going to another teacher)**
 - **3rd 100 (90) 5:20 (Walsh position dissolved—20 students)--Scow (4th grade) could move to 3rd but it would affect 80 students or—Espinola (2nd grade) only has 12 kids could move to 3rd (to cover Walsh) and 2nd grade classes will get three additional kids per class.****
 - **4th 90 (80) 4:20 or 3:27**
 - **5th 80 (72) 3:24—will not be affected**
 - ****3rd grade class has been affected by midyear teacher change every single year—lowest academically and highest behavior challenges**
Tony Davis reviewed and approved Plan B including Espinola change from 2nd to 3rd versus Scow leaving 4th to go to 3rd, IF appeal isn't granted.
- **Teachers comment: Olson sharing thoughts from faculty**
 - **Is it possible to share schools, e.g. GATE—(don't have access to her money, GATE money doesn't come from Newton budget), specialists currently have an open prep period built in—look at extra open prep period that could be doing**

intervention and decrease need of CTT since licensed staff could do CTT (\$13k per CTT. worried about losing them for RTI initiatives)

- SPCA–position moved to FLS, still high needs, so not guaranteed that that is all that will be needed this year
- Dissolved IA office aid
- 10/16 surplus day
- CCEA confirmed Tony’s statement that if the budget is rejected then all decisions go to Tony
- Choir, Cheer, Art will be covered by the Total Supplies budget.
- Fun Run–could cushion supply costs–lexia bill due is \$20k
- Action item, all voting members vote for Plan A, the original budget. If Plan A cannot be approved, then the vote for Plan B stands Approve: 5 Disapprove: 1 Abstain: 0
- 3.2 Review SPP–tabled for next meeting

4.0 Information

4.1 Next Meeting: Newton Elementary, October 2024 (First meeting for 24-25 SOT)

- Will be scheduled after talking with new SOT

5.0 Public Comment Period (Two (2) minutes maximum allotted)

6.0 Adjournment

Kasey O’Horo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 pm. Sam Olsen seconded motion. Unanimous passing.