

CAT Agenda

Jan. 18, 2011, Time . 6:00 PM Linda's House

Members: Sonali Edwards (PreK), Patricia Caubo (KG), Sheila Ivory (Gr 1), Stephanie Zobay (Gr.2), Marwa Abbas & Linda Lummus (Gr 3), Martina Schleich (Gr 4), Rhonda Brown (Gr 5), Liz Wolden & Sungeeta Singh (Faculty), Samia Wadman (PTO), Tony Moniz & Marci Carrel (Admin)

Item	Discussion	Action/Response
<p>CAT Initiatives: Discuss possible goals and initiatives for the upcoming year.</p>	<p>Food Service:</p> <p>Richoux's popularity and the reason they ran out of burgers on Wednesday . They ran out of burgers because demand exceeded the extra planned meal and the emergency numbers.</p> <p>Very close to all feedback has been extremely positive.</p> <p>We have faculty eating from the cafeteria. This did not happen before.</p> <p>Kids are being provided with healthier meals. We may have to do some education on making healthy eating choices to increase the amount of vegetables that are actually being eaten.</p>	<p>We will all keep talking to parents and kids to continue to gain feedback on our new vendor and their food service.</p>
	<p>Process in adopting a possible new math program:</p> <p>We have been looking at different Math programs out there. Tony surveyed other international schools. We looked at programs aligned with best practice, good research and solid standards. The two programs that came up over and over were Everyday Math and Investigations.</p>	<p>Sonali and Rhonda will be included on giving input. Tony and the Math Adoption Committee will work on a structure to provide these parents with information on the programs and give them an avenue for input.</p> <p>For more information on Everyday Math and Investigations visit:</p>

	<p>Grades 1, 3 and 5 are piloting each of the new programs. All are teaching the same concepts with the different programs. The teachers will then come together and compare the programs.</p> <p>Rhonda asked if parents could observe in the classrooms where the different programs are being piloted, so that the new programs could be seen in action and best understood.</p>	<p>http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/about/</p> <p>http://investigations.scottforesman.com/</p>
Fall MAP Data Results	Zach Seacrist . Zach gave a presentation on current MAP data.	Any questions about MAP can be directed toward Zach. He is always happy to talk MAP. For more information, you can visit: nwea.org
Campus Access	<p>ID card enforcement</p> <p>We have been ever stricter with ID procedures. Admin has been a presence at both gates for the past two weeks.</p>	Direct any feedback on the new and ever improving ID card enforcement to Tony.
Coffee Cafe	<p>Possability of a coffee café in the lunchroom for parents and faculty/staff.</p> <p>We are working on making the idea of a coffee area in the ES part of campus a reality.</p> <p>The intention of having a coffee lounge is to promote a better feeling of community by bringing people together around food and drink.</p> <p>This area would be open to parents and faculty/staff at the beginning of the school day and possibly at the end of the school day.</p> <p>Grecco was brought up as a</p>	Tony will keep CAT informed as this idea solidifies.

	<p>possibility.</p> <p>All of the vendors for the lunch program voiced interest in this idea.</p>	
Parent Information Night	<p>Monday, January 24, at 7 pm Rm. 600</p> <p>Topics to be presented: 3-year curriculum plan, math adoption and data sharing MAP & PBS</p>	CAT should help us advertise this, so that we can get the word out to parents concerning some of the wonderful initiatives that the ES is involved in.
Group Check in:	<p>PreK: Concern: Heating . The rooms are very warm. This is not comfortable and breeds germs Response: Parents need to raise this issue with the teachers, as the temperature can be controlled in the rooms.</p>	
	<p>KG: Patricia, CAT Rep, was absent. No items, but great feedback about Richoux.</p>	
	<p>Grade 1: No issues. Good feedback about lunch program.</p>	
	<p>Grade 2: Concern:There was once a crossing guard on Road 212. Can a guard be reinstated?</p>	Rebecca Brown is looking into the possibility of the guard being reposted to Road 212.
	<p>Grade 3: More excellent feedback about the food.</p>	
	<p>Grade 4: Question: Has the school stepped up security because of recent political events? Response: Yes. This is one of the many reasons that we are stepping up campus entrance processes, and that you have seen administration at the gates. We are also continually keeping an eye on local happenings. There is far more security around</p>	If you still have security questions, these can be directed to Tony, Rob Mockrish or Rebecca Brown.

	<p>our school than is obviously visible.</p> <p>Concern: Why do there have to be so many rules at lunch time? Why does soccer have to be so structured?</p> <p>Response: The rules and increased structure is in response to repeated problems that have taken place on the playground, especially on the soccer field. The rules and structure give kids a chance to play soccer with the feeling of fairness and safety. Kids were involved in creating the rules and the structures.</p> <p>Question: Why do the kids have to stay inside when it rains?</p> <p>Answer: This is what most parents want. It is the best way to ensure the health and safety of our students. It really does not impact that many days, as it typically hardly ever rains in Cairo. Recently, it has been a very unusual time of increased rain.</p>	<p>Playground rules and structures are continually being worked on by Marci and Zach. They are happy to give any further explanations if needed.</p>
	<p>Grade 5:</p> <p>Concern: Inclusion of 5th grade science fair . Will all kids be pulling equal weight and how might this impact kids with an already heavy schedule?</p> <p>Response: This is the first time that we are fully participating in the NESAs Virtual Science Fair. We are interested in getting our kids exposed to ever-increasing opportunities to exercise 21st century skills. We will see how it goes and get feedback all along the way.</p> <p>Question: Can the lunch provider sell a lunch with and without drinks?</p>	

	<p>Response: This is a bit complicated to manage. It would mean more money changing hands for the students.</p> <p>Question: Can the lunch price be posted in the lunchroom?</p> <p>Response: The lunch price is advertised in the EE, every week and on the end of day announcements, daily. There is a person in the lunchroom who takes the tickets and money. He is readily available to answer all cost questions. It should not be necessary to post the price in the lunchroom.</p>	
Health & Safety Comm. Strategic Planning Comm.	<p>-Stephanie Zobay The boundary walls should be put back and sidewalks put back into action after 2 weeks.</p> <p>Question: Is there a way to section out a marked place for a walkway or make the whole area in front of the school a walkway. Then the cars can circle around.</p>	The municipality will not allow us to block the road for this purpose.
PTO	<p>Samia Samia was absent, but sent inher information. Thursday there is a PTO meeting (8:30-10:30). The parent intralink will be explained. There will also be a Korean highlight with Korean food and entertainment. March 26 is the International Fair. Please be organizing your theme baskets.</p>	
Other:	<p>Concern: Large construction vehicles trying to get into the construction area at the end of our school time between 3:00-3:30.</p>	The company has been informed but the issue is enforcement by the company, hopefully it will improve.

	Concern: Speeding cars in front of the school . What can be done?	Tony will check on this.
	Concern: What are the general guidelines for the construction?	Tony will attach the most recent guidelines along with these CAT minutes.
Next Meeting	February 23 at 6:00 pm Note that this is a change!	Location: Samia Wadman