



A.P.C. Meeting  
Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Principal's Report

### Staffing

Interviews for the 8-hr TA position will be conducted tomorrow. Interviews for the full-time German teacher job position will be held this coming Tues.

### In-service Activities

Apart from the required Danielson Framework for Teaching modules, teachers also received a presentation by officer Ben Yoon, the School Resource Officer over at West Anchorage High School. Officer Yoon's presentation on Internet Safety was very informative. He will come back to give the student version of the presentation to our middle school students.

### End of Year Plans

At the staff meeting tomorrow, teachers will be talking about a possible schoolwide initiative based upon a theme. We know that some families will be absent after the District releases students on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, we would like to make a noble effort to encourage attendance. Spieltag would serve as the culminating event of the themed instruction initiative.

We will also be talking about when our particular grading window should end. It is possible to adjust the dates for reporting grades to the ASD.

### School Tours

February was Visit Your Schools Month. Tours were offered every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am and at 6:00 pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Over Over 70 individuals took our tour. Interest remains high.

### Enrollment Numbers and Lottery Applications

Current enrollment stands at 468. As of today, there have been 106 applications for kindergarten spots for next year. There will be 66 spots available since there will be three kindergarten classes. There are 20 students who qualify for the sibling preference. That leaves 44 spots currently available to new families. As you can imagine, this a frequently asked question posed during tours.

### Media Center

Attempts are being made to set up the media center for usage. Many of the PASCH Grant German leveled readers have been organized onto shelves and English books are soon to follow. The landlord has given permission to paint the far wall white to serve as a projection screen of sorts. We have ordered a projector and mount for the ceiling. We still need to buy rugs and stools. We will also be coding all of the books and set up a system whereby students can check out District books.

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### **Computers**

The 76 Chromebooks have arrived at Kennedy and IT is currently imaging and tagging them. Four will go into each Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to be used in mini-learning centers. The Lexia reading tutorial and MathWhizz will, thereby, be utilized much more extensively with our students. Many teachers, specifically 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> have been making regular utilization of the Four Chromebook carts we already possess to work on projects. The Keyboarding Without Tears program is also being used frequently. These efforts are made as part of the plan to increase state assessment scores. Even though AMP is reportedly going away, whatever replaces it will likely have a computer component.

### **Competitions**

Congratulations to Cooper Gastrock for winning the 2016 Geography Bee. Thanks go to teachers for helping prepare their students and accolades to Herr Radke for orchestrating the event. Sophia Hess won the 2016 Spelling Bee. Congrats to her and thanks to teachers and to Frau Drumm for organizing the event. Recognition also goes out to all the competitors and coaches of our teams who competed in district Battle of the Books and Math Counts competitions. The Rilke Schule German and French Declamation will be held March 10<sup>th</sup>.

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