

LCJSMS Coffee with the Principal
January 10, 2019
Minutes

1. Dr. Gallo Introduction and welcome

- Thank you PTO for Teacher Appreciation Holiday Luncheon

2. Mrs. Subervi and Mr. Ciferni- YEA

- YEA Youth Empowerment Alliance is a 3 year program. It is a unique program through a partnership with the United Way Youth Empowerment Alliance and the College of Saint Elizabeth Center for Human and Social Development. It is specifically built for LCJSMS based on our survey results and is not a cookie cutter program.
- Goal of YEA program : Building a positive culture amongst staff, children, and parents. More comprehensive school vision.
- LCJSMS is now a board goal for improving climate and culture for the district
- Funded by the Summit Education Foundation (SEF)

Review of current demographics and enrollment at LCJSMS.

enrollment: 6th 328
7th 321
8th 298

demographics :

585/ 62% white
172/ 18% hispanic
94/10% asian
62/6.5% multirace
30/3.5 % black

LCJSMS Staff On Board (Preliminary Year 2017-2018)

- School Support Network hosted monthly workshops and sessions. Staff members attended meetings to gather information and brought back to LCJSMS and turnkeyed information at staff meetings
- Explored options and hosted an outside presenter

LCJSMS Here we go... first steps

- Presentations of LGBTQ+ terms, thr formation of the GLOW (Gays, Lesbians, or Whomever) club, Student council run activities, school wide events such as the Multi-cultural Night and Night of the Soul.
- LCSMS Olympics during PARCC Week
 - end of week activity to interact with other grade levels

- competitions by team
- Was successful and plan is to continue

2018-2019 The Present

- In October, every faculty and student filled out a survey and focus groups were established
 - Student Group (30 students across grade levels)
 - Faculty Group (23 members)
 - Data is being reviewed as a staff first then public roll out
- strengths and areas of growth

All three administrators attended the National Conference for Middle Level Educators (video: Acceptance : https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=EA5C-1N_r1w)

-). Continue to work on school motto:
 - Take care of you
 - Take care of others
 - Take care of this place
- November Mr. Ciferni met with each grade level to reflect and address
 - social media and digital footprint still an issue

3. Mr. Ciferni- 8th graders and community service

- Co-curricular community service link on LCJSMS website
 - verification sheet (can download on website)
 - MLK
 - Opportunity for 5th grade orientation hours
 - Opportunity for spelling bee this weekend
 - Parent shared concern that students are not completing the reflection portion once service hours completed
- “Be the Change” Assembly, February 14th
 - Dr. Norma Bowe
 - Kean University organization
 - Possible Service Project in the building (PB&J)
 - funded by Summit Education Foundation (SEF)

4. PTO co-President Meghan Terry

- Spring Programs that the PTO is funding:
 - 8th graders Shakespeare Theatre of NJ Romeo and Juliet, April 9th
 - 8th graders only -Living History; Through the Eyes of a Friend , February 22nd.
Video link posted on PTO calendar
 - 6th and 7th graders will be getting black history month presentations
- Call for Help!

- Night of Fun Sign Up Genius has gone out
- Co-Chairs still needed for many parts
- Shift Volunteers filling up beautifully
- Co-chairs for school supply chairs filled
- Looking for shadow for directory

- Community News:
 - Summit Flash Website Sports Academy looking for participants
 - 'Spring for Excellence' Summit Education Foundation event has a new and exciting venue

- Renovation Project/district improvements
 - The LCJSMS PTO pledged to make a substantial contribution to the LCJSMS track using reserve funds