

South Academy of International Languages School Improvement Team Agenda

Dr. Felicia Eybl, Principal Ms. Carolyn Msica – SIT Chair

Location: Zoom Time: Monday, February 28, 2022, 4:00 p.m. [Ended 5:40 pm](#)

Staff SIT members: Dr. Eybl, Ms. Mayo, D. Lentz, M. Yigit, Ms. Waller, Glenn sensei, P. Powell, X. Wang

Parent SIT members: K. Diamond-Cobb (a), K. Gooding (a), M. Isaacs, D. Birch, C. Msica, N. Lettman-Carswell

Topics

Welcome – Dr. Eybl, Ms. Mayo, Ms. Msica: Please hold questions until the agenda item related to your question

Guests: Mara Cobe – World Language Specialist, Gina Schoenly – SWLC Curriculum Specialist (a)
SIP ([Updated information and access is available to guests who wish to see the SIP](#))

(5-10 minutes) MAP – Map reports sent home Data indicates that we still have some work to do in MS Math, ELA, especially with students who are previously scored CCR (College and Career Ready) to ensure that they will continue to grow. Comparison data requested.

[Msica: Parents asks for a school wide picture; information is available as part of SIP](#)

[Can Family reports also be sent out \(Mary Isaacs states they are only available if requested at SAIL\)](#)

[Msica states that she didn't know of that report. Believes it is essential to know this information](#)

[Yigit: states that information is not available for K-2 French & German because they are not tested in English.](#)

[Froneberger: Asked about Language testing Eybl explains STAMP test is administered, DSD for German, Chinese assessment.](#)

[No DELF for French.](#)

[Chinese: Gr. 2, 3 - YCT, HSK - Gr. 8](#)

[German Assessment is 4, 5, 8](#)

[K-2 Assessment for French/German? No standardized tests except for Dibels and BOY in 3rd
Access tests for ESL students.](#)

Extended Employment

(5 min.) Received funding for Extended Employment - Funding to support students who are below the 25th percentile - Tutoring has begun Tues., Thurs., every other Saturday

[Mayo: not enough teachers for all the students who are eligible. of 75 students invited from MS 61 ES only 48 total are taking the advantage of the offer.](#)

[136-48. Small group instruction in the classroom and differentiation. Also lunch and learn opportunities during the week.](#)

[Math: ES teachers provide small group flexible grouping to address areas in math that need attention.](#)

[Parent: Is the new English curriculum impacting our progress. How has the curriculum changed?](#)

[Lentz: EL curriculum is very theme-based and calls for 2 hour of instruction. Since we are a language school we cannot follow it with fidelity. Our ELA teachers are being very specific with the curriculum. We provide the instruction that our students need, based on their needs.](#)

[Ms. Woytek taught it with the most fidelity last year and her scores were the best. Program rigorous. Wide range of gaps in Gr. 1 - 2, instruction re-structures to support ESL, teacher, more adult support. Agree that](#)

parents do need more communication (work with Mr. Genee more. Issue since Ms. Lyder's position was lost). More adults in groups in the lower level classes, differentiation in reading. Teachers schedule math interventions across the languages, in elementary.

Eybl: EL is a district adopted curriculum. We are adapting and adopting. Ms. Lentz is looking into ways to create something similar to the former North Star Reading Program, using parent volunteers, at SAIL.

Parent: How much flexibility do we have? Lentz: We always do what our kids need. Currently we feel we have a solid relationship of trust to adapt.

Parent: concern regarding dyslexia - students identified too late and leave the program.

Title IX/Panorama

No cases at this time: Panorama March 2022

(5 min.) Perez/Mayo S.A.I.L. counselors and school psychologist created and presented a workshop for parents Friday @ noon.

Staffing Updates

(5 min.) K – French TA Hired Gr. 6 Science – guest teacher hired, support from Balay/Vail Gr. 5 Japanese – Davis sensei – long-term substitute MS ISS TA – Hired; starts March 2nd

10-month secretaries – 2 candidates recommended; one has been Hired; starts March 7th Gr. 7 Math – ?

Parent: Are parent volunteers possible?

Carpool/Traffic

(5 – 10 min.)

1. No police officer available

2. CMS will be conducting a traffic study –No date provided yet

- Update 3/9/2022: - CMS safety department has reached out to CDOT and a traffic study is the planning, no information on when the study will be completed.

Language Immersion information

Questions asked of teaching English in French and German in K-2: Dr. Eybl states that is not our program model. Historic data shows that our students have historically outperformed the district.

Mara Cobe makes presentation on Full Immersion program:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p4pF2Lv3IMfo3QOVaAKzley9Kw5UiqB3mxOgx4mP8UE/edit?usp=sharing>

Long discussion on the program model and how to introduce English sooner? How can students who are struggling get assistance as early as possible? Parents are passionate about this program.

Fr. Yigit added information about her experience in a program where students did not have as much of the target language and the difference the level was to students at Waddell/SAIL.

Ms. Waller reminded those present that there is a process for identification as part of the MTSS. If students still show struggles they are referred to EC. A parent or teacher may request.

Other:

COVID updates: Masks are optional starting March 7th in the building, but are still required on the bus. Moving a student because a student is not wearing a mask. Mayo explains that will be discriminatory.

Macnamara asks how students who are teased will be handled. Also, how will teachers be addressed?

Eybl: expects teachers will be professional. Review the Code of Conduct with students and expectations.

(15 min.) COVID response – CMS mask info: Masks required on buses Masks encouraged to be worn, mask mandate lifted Staff members, students who wish to wear mask may continue to do so without fear of repercussions.

Bathroom repairs: In process.

Update from Athletics –

Dr. Eybl reached out to the district Athletic Director and is working on an answer to make certain all students have opportunities to participate.

Ms. Mcnamara reads an email from a parent who had negative experience with baseball tryouts.

Ms. Isaacs speaks to the positive experience her daughter has had being a part of a sports team. Is there a way we can have an athletic booster to rent a field and provide transportation?

Can we be proactive in making a plan? Dr. Eybl says we can look at that but it will need SWLC and District approval.

Isaacs states she see that parents from AG doesn't want to include SAIL

Sports Update:

- CMS is looking at all K-8 school sports. A SAIL baseball will not be created during this season. S.A.I.L. students will participate in Soccer and Track. There is currently one SAIL student participating in baseball at AG.
- The soccer pitch/field is being filled in. Work started Tuesday, March 8 and was delayed due to rain. Work continued Friday, May 11. The property manager is also researching netting behind the goal near the retention pond. Installation date TBD.

Walter Hall (Director of Magnet Schools) also shared his email if any parent wants to reach out to him:

walter.hall@cms.k12.nc.us

Mr. Hall has ordered books that address Language Immersion. The books have arrived and may be checked out from Dr. Eybl. Please send an email if you would like to borrow a book.

Important Dates and Reminders

Dates 3/1 – Mardi Gras - Parade 1:15 – 1:30 Soccer Field. Parents who attend park in the bus lot, two vehicles/slot, must be off the bus lot by 2:15 p.m. - Gr. 5 Dance - *3/8 – 3/30: S.A.I.L. Book Fair – extended dates 3/9: Early Release Day (ERD), MS Career Fair 3/17: French Poetry Slam: Parents of participants only

3/21: School Improvement Team Meeting (date change from 3/28) 3/22: French Culture Night: 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.
3/25: Third Quarter Ends 3/28: Teacher Workday 3/30: ERD

TESTING A2 (German Exam): MS – 3/9

PTSO Update: M. Isaacs. Beacds and donuts for all for Mardi Gras, MS Dance and Parent-Child dance same date (April 1). Since on same day, PTSO received a discount from the DJ. March 10: National Popcorn Day- PTSO will provide popcorn to staff and students.

Building blocks fundraiser: engraveable bricks leading to playground/field

Found a general contractor to have approved by CMS to move the blue umbrellas from Waddell.

Waddell Shuttle times:

AM 7:40

PM 3:32

Resources

SAIL Parent Square SAIL website: <https://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/sailMS/Pages/Default.aspx> PTSO website