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School Leadership Team (SLT) Meeting

November 18, 2025

Time: 3:30PM-5:30PM

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Review and Approval of October 2025 Minutes
3. Principals Updates
 - a. 1st Marking Period
 - b. FY27 Class Size Reduction Planning and Funding Survey
 - c. CSD 6 Title 1/SLT Training on Friday, November 21, 2025
 - d. CEC 6 Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025
4. Review survey questions regarding safety and bullying
 - a. Students
 - b. Families
5. Planning for Monday, November 24th Meeting with Superintendent Martinez
6. Planning for December 2025

Upcoming SLT Meetings

December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
March 2026	April 2026	May 2026
June 2026		



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Sign-In Sheet

Emel Topbas- Mejia <i>Principal</i>	Present
Conor Doyle <i>Teachers Union Representative</i>	Present
Barbara Poelle <i>PTO Co-President</i>	Present
Jesiel Valet <i>Teacher</i>	Present
Antonietta Auriemma <i>Teacher</i>	Present
Victor Tergilene <i>Teacher</i>	Present
Jomary Montesdeoca <i>Teacher</i>	Absent
Evie Dotolie <i>Student</i>	Absent
Sherry Lewkowicz <i>Parent</i>	Present
Kelly Ceynowa <i>Parent</i>	Present
Jaci Czarnecki Thompson <i>Parent</i>	Absent
Susan McGregor <i>Parent</i>	Present
Michael Opest <i>Parent</i>	Present



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Agenda Item:	Meeting Notes:
1. Welcome!	Discussed agenda
2. Review and Approval of October 2025 Minutes	Approved
3. Principals updates	<p>MP1 has come to an end - successful! Google classroom link was sent to parents with steps of how to access google classroom and view student grades - a video will also be made for parents Students receiving report cards on Friday with attendance reports PTC was a success in the fall - positive feedback WIN Time - enrichment and intervention WIN cycle 2 - 8 weeks, beginning in December Data was looked at to begin making new groups for next cycle WIN has allowed for mixing of students from different classes</p> <p>2025 - 2026 school year we received funding for an F status theater position as well as funding for 1 classroom teacher - 1st grade teacher added Currently we are at roughly 20% of classes meeting new class size expectations Application for class size reduction is open Maybe we should request funding for special education teacher because the ICT ratios</p>



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are also being affected with smaller class sizes the ratios are being thrown off we do want to seek this as a possibility
By getting more special education teachers we could have had more classes meeting the new class size
Staggering start times is an option but we do not want to seek into this possibility
We had requested money to build an annex so that would also help with size reduction and we are waiting for more information on that, has been in process for a few years

- 4. Review survey questions regarding safety and bullying
 - a. Students
 - b. Families

Students
Student survey with 10 questions adapted from a journal - we can change it based on our needs as a school community
It offers a very clear lens
700+ students currently in the school
Language needs to be made of how we present this to students
We want students to know that every voice matters
Translation for all grades to make it age appropriate
Possibly doing the survey during Academic Choice
No academic questions, specifically focusing on safety
Survey will be administered on December 12th, Susan will create the survey then share with Ms. Emel
Social media survey maybe separate survey

Families



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	Parents will be told that students are taking a safety survey and given a synopsis of what students will be answering
5. Planning for Monday, November 24th Meeting with Superintendent Martinez	Discussion on who is able to be apart of Monday meeting Ms. Emel said we might be getting some information on our work with building an extension to the school
6. Planning for December 2025	December 9th is next SLT meeting - Final review of questions for survey - Mission and Vision work update - Based on meeting with Martinez and follow up
7. PTO	Meeting on Thursday 20th 7pm, send the staff a special reminder School-A-Palooza IS 7th and 8th grade movie night - December 12th book fair vendor Tree event