

Re: Slides for Parent Night

From: Leah Thomasson <leahthomasson@ccusd.org>

Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 7:01 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)

To: Villafranca, Elsy <elsyvillafanra@ccusd.org>

Cc: Julie Markussen <juliemarkussen@ccusd.org>

Also!

The date for the town hall would be APRIL 14!!! From 5-6, not the 15th.

On Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 6:57 PM Leah Thomasson <leahthomasson@ccusd.org> wrote:

Thank you Elsy! Hope that's enough to satisfy TP And LM. Let me know how I can help!

Leah

On Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 5:19 PM Villafranca, Elsy <elsyvillafanra@ccusd.org> wrote:

We can send out a special message to 5th grade families explaining and inviting to the April 15th meeting.

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On Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 5:04 PM Leah Thomasson <leahthomasson@ccusd.org> wrote:

Our plan was to give information to parents, let them submit questions, and then invite them to an April 15th meeting with ELA teachers.

On Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 5:03 PM Leah Thomasson <leahthomasson@ccusd.org> wrote:

Has it already gone out to parents?

Could we include the information as "special announcement from ELA teachers" and then put my email address on there as a place to submit questions?

We are still planning to host a town hall meeting about it in April.

We will have a heartbroken ELA department if this doesn't work out because of the corona virus.

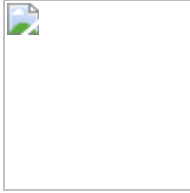
Leah

On Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 4:56 PM Villafranca, Elsy <elsyvillafanra@ccusd.org> wrote:

Hey Leah,

I didn't include it in the slides as we won't have an opportunity to explain things. I didn't just want to put something in writing without giving people a chance to ask questions. We'll need to re-strategize if we don't postpone the parent night.

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On Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 8:08 AM Leah Thomasson <leahthomasson@ccusd.org> wrote:

Morning!

I took a peek at the 5th grade parent night information, and didn't see ELA's information. Just wanted to make sure it gets out there to the parents!

Let me know if there's anything you need from me!

Leah

On Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 10:42 AM Leah Thomasson <leahthomasson@ccusd.org> wrote:

Here's the information,

I can make it pretty and include it on a slide if you'd like. (I know you have your own Prezi going strong so, just let me know)

The mission of Culver City Middle School is to ensure an active, challenging curriculum, a diverse learning community, and open dialogue between staff and families.

In keeping with that mission, the Language Arts Department plans to integrate the curriculum for our Inclusion, Benchmark, and Honors classes for 6th grade.

This means that incoming 6th graders will engage with curriculum standards at an honors level rigor with appropriate inclusion supports.

Rest assured that your 6th grade student will receive instruction from our qualified and committed team of teachers that is appropriately challenging, scaffolded, and differentiated for each student.

We value diversity and want all students to be exposed to an array of vocal models and abilities.

Is this clearer than before? Feedback welcome.

Leah

On Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 8:09 AM Markussen, Julie <juliemarkussen@ccusd.org> wrote:

Hey--

Hold tight if you haven't started editing yet...not sure we'll still have Parent Night! We'll need the info eventually, but time might not be an issue. I'll let you know!

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On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 10:37 PM Leah Thomasson <leahthomasson@ccusd.org> wrote:

You're absolutely right. The slides are vague and kind of wimpy. I think I erred too much on the side of keeping the plan mysterious. Haha

I just want the plan to work so badly!!!! And don't want parents to be upset.

I'll revise the slides to give more concrete information. And I would welcome any feedback at making the info comprehensible but pleasant.

I should have some time before school to make changes.

Talk soon. Stay tuned.

Leah

On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 3:42 PM Markussen, Julie <juliemarkussen@ccusd.org> wrote:

Hi, Leah--

Spoke to Elsy about the slides. She is concerned that there's not a lot of context as to what was included and the fact that it doesn't explicitly bring up the idea of eliminating honors in the name of equity. Is someone from the department planning to help present them and elaborate that point, or did district tell you not to bring that up explicitly? I think she just wants it to be more explanatory and straight forward about what the goal is and why. Let me know!

Thank you!
Julie

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