

## KIS ES PTO 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Coffee Morning Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday; September 7, 2016; 10:00AM; Mini-Auditorium

**Attendance:** Associate Principal Mr. Peterson; six ES PTO board members; 31 members (signed in) and about 5 members who didn't sign in. Total attendance: 43

Opening remarks by Mr. Peterson:

- School is off to a great start – A lot of investigating, engaging and creating, as well as connecting (developing positive relationships)
- Kids are learning dances and songs for the upcoming Chuseok holiday

Speaker: Mr. Peterson, Associate Principal

Agenda #1: Trans-disciplinary Units (TDUs)

- Since its implementation, classrooms are starting to look different
- Moving away from one subject at a time to multi-subjects that are interconnected
- Specialized discipline vs. TD solution that addresses multi-faceted problems
- Used 5<sup>th</sup> grade Unit 1 as an example to demonstrate how TDU works
  - Present engaging, relevant, open-ended problems
  - Keep raising the bar – students should be competing with their own possibilities, not the norm
  - More does not mean rigorous

Agenda #2: MAP Testing

- Measures a student's level of understanding
- The test is used as a matrix for growth – to design a curriculum to help each child
- It serves as another data point (outside the classroom)
- Still working on how to interpret the data to understand a student better and meet his or her needs in a classroom

Speaker: Tammie Choi, Co-VP

- Membership benefits – many more to come
- Three top reasons why people don't join – the myths dispelled
  - They think they will be asked to volunteer
  - Their kids experience the same benefits whether they join or not
  - They don't think the membership benefits are worth it
- Comments Box – for suggestions, ideas, and questions

Speaker: Jihyun Kim, Co-Treasurer

- Reviewed the beginning balance and the ending balance as of 9/2/2016
- Discussed financial goals

Speaker: Moon Jung, Co-VP

- Reviewed the ES PTO website and forms

Speaker: Kay Song, President

- Upcoming events: Songpyong Day in September and Picture Day and Trunk or Treat in October
- Raffles

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 12.