**SLT Meeting Minutes**

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| **Date: May 18, 2021**  **Time:** 4:00 pm  **Location:** Zoom | |
| **Agenda:**   * Distribution/Review of April Minutes * Vista Academy’s Instructional Focus (Ms. Marte) * CEP Updates (Ms. McLean) * DMP Department Presentation (Ms. Edwards) * School Safety and Climate (Ms. Owhor) * Administrative News/Updates (Mr. Addo) * Additional Concerns/Questions | **Attendees:** Ms. M. Belizaire, Mr. L. Quiñones, Gavin Hope,Ms. Owhor, Ms. Edwards, Mr. B. Addo, Ms. C. Santiago, Ms. J. McLean, Kim Smith,  **Facilitator:** Kayla Marte (SLT Chair)  **Recorder:** Jericsson Pichardo |
| **Welcome/Review Minutes:** Mr. Addo provided one revision (change Educator to plural S).  Ms. McLean-Approved Minutes. | |
| **Vista Academy’s Instructional Focus (Ms. Marte)**   * Participants reviewed the changes made to the instructional focus from the school year prior, to this new school year. * Participants were encouraged to provide any feedback or suggestions to the instructional focus (the learning loss, how to re-engage students, differentiation, explicit teaching and parent input is encouraged to consider in this process).   **CEP Updates (Ms. McLean)**   * Review of SLT’s role in regards to the CEP * The data documents (MAP, ESSA, SPED) used for the CEP will be shared so that SLT participants can add suggestions and comments and can be added during our next meeting. * Strengths and areas of improvements were determined based on the aforementioned data. * **DMP Department Presentation (Ms. Edwards)** * The department is made up of 6 constituents. (3 DMP, 1 RJ and 2 Deans) * Curriculum includes resources from Lines Quest, Morningside, Brain Power and previous Vista made teacher unit plans. * Team goals for the next school year are to continue a team effort towards morning meeting convening, continue Morningside circles, continues opportunities to meet with Ms. Johnson, and DMP team meetings. * Requests for the upcoming school year consists of team training at Kripalu and starting the SEL program with both scholars and parents from the beginning of the year. * The seventh grade focus is on college, but students will receive lessons on the high school process as well, in order to prepare them for the eighth grade * Next year, the entire school will need orientation to transition back to in-person learning * **School Safety and Climate (Ms. Owhor)** * Arrivals and Dismissal happens every day, temperature is taken upon arrival * In-person check-in happen daily for visibility * Deans are visible in the hallway for staff and students * Homes of absent students are called daily * Google classrooms are created for student interaction * Student vs staff games, zoom “fun room meetings” are held on Fridays, senior activities and spirit week were held in May * Staff constantly check-in with one another to make sure that they are updates of students * There is an eighth grade newsletter and podcast to improve virtual communication with students * Deans pop-in to virtual classrooms to help ensure students are in attendance * Considerations for next year: keep interactive zooms open, create a budget for incentives and community building activities, continue to have grade specific deans and collaboration amongst them as well as meetings * **Administrative News/Updates (Mr. Addo)** * We are currently at capacity for entering 6th grade, with a waiting list * There is a need for more ICT classes, which create a need for more educators * Vista has begun serving the community through the “lights on” program and pantry | |
| Questions? | |
| **Next meeting:**  **June 15th, 2021**  **Mr. Quinones** **motioned to end the meeting.** | |