

# Principal's Report



November 17th, 2022

## Enrollment:

437 Students.

## Staffing:

German teacher, Fabien Witte-Markgräfe, arrived from Germany at the end of October and is now leading kindergarten. I want to thank Frau Dieckgraeff for leading kindergarten in Herr Witte-Markgräfe's absence. Frau Dieckgraeff is a valued member of our community and we appreciate her dedication to the program over the years. The English Language Learner Tutor position is still open with no candidates. Lastly, we are still in need of substitute teachers.

## Curriculum and Instruction:

Last week, Rilke hosted the ASD world language professional development in the gym. Roughly 60 teachers attended from the different immersion programs in the district. At the same time, English teachers attended math professional development at Rilke Schule with several other math teachers from charter schools. This day was very successful, and teachers were impressed with our welcoming atmosphere. We really

appreciate the opportunity for Rilke to be an educational center for students and professionals.

Herr Radke attended a German Immersion Conference in New York City last week. He will be reporting on this conference with the rest of the staff in the weeks to come.

Frau Tappero is attending the ACTFL Conference in Boston this weekend. She will also share information with the rest of the staff in the weeks to come.

Herr Vincent-Lang has been leading professional development around ELA with the immersion priority plans and Hegerty training to promote language and literacy development.

#### Budget:

Herr Truog, Frau Reimer, and I have been analyzing the current budget in order to build a new budget for next school year. Frau Reimer and I attended the charter school budget meeting on November 3rd to develop our budget. This current draft still needs some adjustments over the next few weeks. We are to submit our first draft to ASD by December 15th, but have been informed that adjustments will be made into January.

#### Facility:

Herr Vincent-Lang, Frau Colvin, and I met with our landlords to discuss the facility and our needs as a school, including how reduced enrollment has affected our funding. A request was made to reduce the rent by 10%. To my knowledge, we are still waiting for a response.

Herr Hotch and Herr Vincent-Lang met with ASD maintenance to discuss our HVAC issues. Herr Hotch has or will report on the matter.

The sump pump is still an issue for which we are seeking a solution.

#### Technology:

ASD is collecting expired chrome books on November 18th, and we will lose approximately 75 computers, which brings our total down to roughly 300 student computers. ASD IT has offered to loan us some computers for the time being until we can replace them. We do believe we have enough on hand to meet our current needs.

### Community:

We have had several successful community events over the past month such as: Awards Assembly, Middle School Dance, and Sankt Martins Tag. Additionally, we will hold a public showing of Screenagers, Sankt Nikolaus Tag, Rilke Clubs Winter Performances, and Christkindlmarkt over the next few weeks. Through these events we continue to strengthen our community for the benefit of our students and school.

### Marketing:

Frau Brewer and Frau Blanchard have been working to update the Rilke website and prepare marketing materials in order to reach potential kindergarten students and their families. Ideally we will recruit enough kindergarten students for four classes next school year.