

Principal's Report

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Students:

437 Students.

Travel club students were selected this last week to travel to Germany this May once school is out. It was a very competitive application process, and some fantastic students were unable to attend due to limited space. The travel club team will continue to finalize plans over the coming months.

Staffing:

All positions are filled besides ELL tutor, however, there are no applications at this time.

Curriculum and Instruction:

Rilke and ASD staff have been administering winter assessments to measure student academic growth from the beginning of the school year. We will be analyzing this data over the beginning of January to share with the staff to meet student needs. We are also working to improve student academic support through professional development and reviewing school schedules.

I would also like to begin a German curriculum review during the second semester. We have spent some time working as a German cohort to align instruction with DSD standards i.e. A1, A2, and B1 proficiency assessments. However, the next steps would be reviewing curriculum options. Ideally, we would move away from a Daf curriculum (German as a second language) and move towards a curriculum that German schools use. Furthermore, we would focus on foundational literacy, K-2 curriculum and build upon that over the next few years. However, we need to decide if we want to commit

funding. Based on my recent discussions, I think \$10,000 would be a good starting point, at least until we can do more research. I am not looking for a vote today, but want it to be on the radar in the board would like to pursue this curriculum review.

Budget:

The final draft of the budget has been developed. We will submit this version to ASD on December 15th, but we understand that ASD may require further adjustments through January. I want to thank Herr Truog, Frau Reimer, and Herr Vincent-Lang for their help and insight throughout this process. Click on this link for the [Budget Summary FY24](#).

Facility:

The library committee and myself would like to remodel the multi-media center to remove the tables along the wall, close up the electric, and install bookshelves. We will pursue a quote and timeline for this work, and then decide how to move forward. We are still in rental reduction negotiations at this time. HVAC and the sump pump are still long term issues to be resolved.

Community:

We continue to hold successful school and community events. A big shout out to the RSV for an amazing Christkindlmarkt. The planning and work poured into this event by parents, staff, and students demonstrates the strength of our community. Overall, the RSV has held many successful events during the school year, and I want to thank you all for your dedication to the students and school.

Marketing:

This week, we have posted a few social media ads for testing. So far, the ads have had a good reach, with over 100 views and only investing one dollar. Furthermore, we are going to make another push to increase our reviews and ratings on google and facebook as part of this campaign. With that in mind, I encourage you all to post a review.