

BLT Notes: March 14, 2017

Agenda:

1. Budget update
2. Elections/Terms
3. Language survey results and next steps
4. Assessment question

1. Elections/Terms for BLT 2017-18:

New members are needed to fill open positions (some members will leave at the end of the 2-year terms)

Sarah will place notices in E-news and check on by-laws regarding positions, voting and filling positions

Voting will take place spring 2017

2. Budget Updates:

-Staff recommended Budget Scenario B which includes a mixed grade-level class on the immersion side.

-Sarah has decided to eliminate the mixed grade-level class. She will use the money from PTSA/Annual Fund that was set aside for the summer collaboration and curriculum work. Instead of funding summer collaboration, the money will be used to staff a .5FTE immersion teacher and eliminate the need for a mixed grade-level immersion classroom.

-JSIS will lose two teachers on the English side.

Grades 3/4/5 will have larger class sizes on the English side of the day due to the loss of the two teachers.

-All these budget decisions are based on the current budget numbers and student enrollment projections. Possible impacts to the budget over the next months: Annual Fund outcomes, WA state legislature budget action/inaction, reinstated Levy Cliff money, changes in enrollment numbers.

3. Language Survey regarding after school immersion language enrichment opportunities:

BLT will continue to explore different ways to create after school immersion opportunities.

-Hiromi will call Yugakusha and talk with IA's

-Maria B. will talk to IA's

-Stacy (ASA) will look into more options

4. Assessment Question moved to next BLT meeting