**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
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|  Questions?  |
| **Next meeting:** **June 15th, 2021****Mr. Quinones** **motioned to end the meeting.** |