**School Council Meeting – April 2, 2019**

Attendees: May Chiu, Martha Hausman, Lisa Terrizzi, Joel Stembridge, Marcia Okun, Jasmine Lellock, Helen Haley, Hema Roychowdhury, Ricardo Gessa, Didem Vardar-Ulu, Clare Landrigan, Charles Myette, Michelle Wu, Xiaoguang Zhen.

1. School Update from Joel Stembridge:
   * Safety:
     1. Vaping forum tonight with Mass Attorney General.
     2. Safety: lockdown practice today, in addition to shelter in place. With a considerably amount of school staff absent today, we had additional complications, but the practice seemed to be a success. This is the second drill practiced this school year. In the future, we want to provide this training at the beginning of the school year, including the school evacuation component of the drill.
     3. In the future, the district will add another tier of complexity to our safety protocol, considering practicing safety facing a hostile event, without naming the practice as an event of an active shooter in school. It will be introduced to the school staff in the spring, but will be practice with students in coming September or October 2019. The goal is to tech the students to make good decision when facing difficult situations/scenarios.
   * Traffic survey & Parking:
     1. Discussion City Hall where the reality of traffic around our school is not effective.
     2. One of the big issues is that we do not have a dedicated bus line, sharing the current traffic space with individual drivers dropping off and picking up students.
     3. There is no news, but it is important that the major is now aware of our traffic situation.
     4. Higher demand from students in term of parking; some ideas has been explored to alleviate the parking situation in the neighborhood, adding more parking spots, and desincentivizing students to drive to school.
     5. Department of Transportation has the ball (no timeline).
2. No new update regarding new schedule and late start of the school day.
   * The schedule finalist seems to be a five-day schedule option, which was presented in a previous meeting.
   * September of 2020 is the tentative timeline to start the new schedule.
3. The three GPA working groups (survey, visiting and research groups) gathered to organize their information and to put together presentations for our next School Council meeting.
4. Next Meeting:
   * Each group will present its findings.
   * Make a decision regarding weighted GPA.
     1. If the outcome is to remove it, explore potential political implications of that decision.