

# Coffee with Admin

Good  
Morning!



August 8, 2023

Welcome!

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# LAST YEAR'S SCHOOLWIDE GOAL



2022-2023  
School-Wide Goal (Q2)



**TK-2:** Students will participate in collaborative conversations using agreed upon rules for discussion building on others' conversations.

**3-5:** Students will engage effectively in collaborative discussions building on others' ideas and expressing their own ideas clearly through the implementation of student questioning and making connections to others' ideas.

**6-8:** Students will engage effectively in collaborative discussions building on others' ideas and expressing their own ideas clearly through the implementation of posing and responding to specific questions with elaboration and details while understanding multiple perspectives.

## SCHOOLWIDE GOAL

Writing across content areas  
using  
common vocabulary



# CLAIMS

## TK-2

- *A statement saying that something is true.*

## 3-8

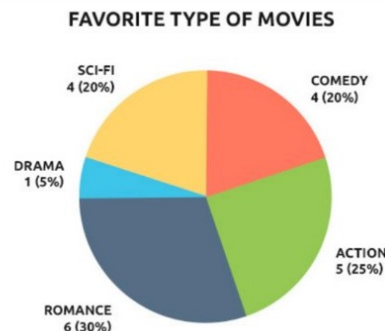
- *A claim is a statement that answers the question. It will usually only be one sentence in length. The claim does not include any explanation, reasoning, or evidence. No transition words such as “because”.*

# GOALS

- **TK-2:** Students will participate in collaborative conversations while making claims that are supported by graphs, visuals, text and/or charts.
- **3-5:** Students will engage effectively in collaborative discussions in order to write claims that are supported by evidence found in graphs, visuals, text and/or charts.
- **6-8:** Students will engage effectively in collaborative discussions in order to write claims or refute claims that are supported or not supported by evidence found in graphs, visuals, text, and/or charts.

# EXAMPLE

This is a second question about the same pie chart. Review the pie chart and your notes before you respond. You can take additional notes if it is helpful.



*Is the following claim supported or not supported based on the information in the pie chart? Give details from the pie chart to support your answer.*

**Claim:** *More students preferred action movies over sci-fi movies.*

## SAMPLE RESPONSES-

▪ TK-2

The graph shows more students like action movies.

▪ 3-5

The graph shows more students like action movies more than Sci-Fi. The graph shows 25% like action movies and only 20% prefer Sci-Fi and 25 is bigger than 20. It is supported that more people like action movies (Claim, evidence, and reasoning).

▪ 6-8

The graph shows more students prefer action movies more than Sci-Fi. The graph shows 25% prefer action movies and only 20% prefer Sci-Fi. This implies more people like action movies because 25 is bigger than 20, therefore the claim is supported (Claim, evidence, and reasoning).



- Funding - Grant allows us to double the number of students who can attend
- Requirements - Priority is given to socio-economically disadvantaged students and foster youth
- Attendance - Because it is Grant-funded, students must attend all five days and stay the entire time



## Volunteer Process

- Watch PowerPoint presentation and fill out Microsoft FORM.
- Teachers will reach out when volunteers needed.
- Teachers who sponsor clubs are also volunteers and their schedules and availability to run clubs may change year to year; please show some grace.

## Lost and Found

- Please write your student's room number on all their belongings; if there's a room number, it will get delivered.
- Every couple weeks, all items without a room number will get donated.
- Parents can check lost and found after school after the last dismissal.

## Dismissal

- Parents please don't arrive early; this clogs neighborhood streets and actually slows down dismissal process.
- Be courteous to our neighbors and don't park on red and don't block their driveways.

## Yellow Forms

- All parents of new students to Discovery must fill out. This will be done at parent conferences in the fall
- Quick four questions
- Discovery receives funding based on the forms



Thank  
you

# Questions and Answers

Why are there fewer clubs this year than last year? It depends on the teachers' schedule and availability to run clubs; teachers have different things going on at school and in their personal lives and some years can do more and some can do fewer.

When will the campus be open so that parents can stand outside of classrooms for arrival and/or dismissal? At this time, there are no plans to have parents outside of classrooms. It is difficult with staggered schedules, and we don't want to disrupt instruction. Safety is our number one priority, so it is important to know who is on campus at all times. Having teachers walk their classes to the gate has eliminated behavior and safety issues as far as students walking and all being accounted for in a supervised area.

Why is Mrs. Markham being restricted on the number of clubs she can have? Admin has not restricted the number of clubs. Any teacher can offer any club any day of the week at any time that is most convenient to their schedule and responsibilities.

Why does Mrs. Markham have to teach TK? All of our students, TK-6<sup>th</sup> are Dragons and will have the same opportunity to experience Fine Arts rotations. Keep in mind that the main purpose for the funding of fine arts is for teachers, including TK teachers to have collaboration time to provide the highest quality instruction for all.

How many total students are enrolled at Discovery, including Middle School? About 970

Why are the 4<sup>th</sup> grade DI classes so large? This was a difficult decision Admin. had to make. The only other option was to have a combo class with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Based on past parent and teacher input, as a team we decided the larger classes was the best option.

How is the addition of TK students to Fine Arts affecting the amount of prep time Fine Arts teachers have? Fine Arts teachers are certificated teachers who work the same contract days and hours as classroom teachers. They are funded so students can be exposed to Fine Arts and primarily so that classroom teachers can have collaboration time to plan effective lessons for all students; Art, Music, and Robotics teachers teach TK students 1 hour for 11 weeks out of the school year.

Can you consider returning to weekly all school blacktop assemblies? This is difficult to do with staggered schedules and there would be a lot of instruction time missed if done weekly. We will continue having them at least once a quarter.

Are there any afterschool activities for kindergarten students? Currently there is Soccer Shots, the after school Athlead program and the YMCA Character Builders program. Younger students are getting adjusted to being in school all day and at the end of the day they are very tired and hungry. Younger students would not necessarily have the stamina to still participate in all the after-school clubs.

Will there be a virtual option to PTC meetings? No current plans for a virtual option. Parents have been expressing to PTC that they want in-person opportunities.

Will there be a Chess Club this year? Yes, that is the plan. More information is coming soon.

If a student is sick and comes in late, is it an excused tardy? Each situation differs, having a doctor's note will make the tardy excused or having the nurse excuse the student is another way.

When parents sign out a sibling due to another sibling being sent home by the nurse, is it excused for one sibling and not the other? It is excused for the child that is being sent home by the nurse, and it is unexcused for the other sibling. Please do not take a sibling home early if it can be avoided.

Do tardies still have a 5-minute window where they are not marked tardy? No, not anymore; that was something that was in place the first year we returned for COVID quarantine. If a student is not on in class at the time the teacher starts, they will be marked tardy.

Can parents visit the lost and found? Yes, they can go afterschool after the last dismissal (3:00pm) through the west loop gate or office.

What are the reporting procedures for a traffic violation during pick-up/drop-off? Parents are welcome to report traffic violations to the CVPD anytime. Admin is present at dismissal monitoring the traffic and assisting it to flow smoothly. Unfortunately, some parents are not patient or being extra careful while driving.

The cafeteria lines are too long. Is there a way lunch lines can improve and go faster? There are more students getting lunch from the cafeteria because it is free, which is great. Although the lines might be long, students have plenty of time to eat. The longest any student waits in line is 10 - 12 minutes. Every student has the option to stay to finish eating after the class has gone to recess.

Do teachers need to be present during after school clubs? Yes, a teacher must be present on campus and checking-in and/or supervising for all clubs.

How can parents get the Fine Arts teachers prep time back so that they can prep for clubs? Fine Arts teachers still have prep time every week to prep for their classes and clubs. Please remember that they were hired like every other teacher to teach classes during the day. We are so fortunate that they are willing and able to offer clubs after school.

Thank you parents, for your participation, your communication, and your input. This helps us to make the best decisions for the benefit of all our students.