

17-18 MSFT Mid-Term Progress Report

Our MSFT proposal requested funding for **17.05 Topanga Hall Furniture Refresh**

Provide a brief summary of the status of your submission. Feel free to add photos.

In conjunction with the annual call for MSFT funding, in 2017 the Art Program applied for funding for new furniture that would accompany a classroom refresh in Topanga Hall. Topanga 1976, 1978, the entry foyer, and the adjoining bathroom had unfortunately fallen into a state of disrepair, and these spaces had not been upgraded since the earliest days of CI. As of the close of the recent winter break, these spaces have been completely revitalized. The new furniture supported by MSFT funding has been added to the room, and it is now an inspiring and inviting work area for students of all levels. These “worktop” table allow students room to spread out, move around the room, and interact with one another as they create their projects. It really is stunning to now walk into the space and see the change that has unfolded. Topanga 1978, where the new furniture is located, looks as though it might now be one of the program’s premiere classroom spaces. To walk into the space it feels genuinely welcoming, and we are eager to see the work that will be created by students in this new environment.



Provide a brief summary of the status of your budget. Are you within budget? Will you expect to spend your entire allocation by end of FY?

The specialized tables and chairs have been purchased and the project is within budget. We will have spent the entire budget in completing this classroom refresh.

Additional Comments?

This project highlights the real value of the MSFT funding. Here we have a very clear example of student funds utilized to help improve a space. I want to thank the review committee and everyone involved with this project – we are very grateful, and we look forward to using this space for many years to come.