

**SLT Meeting**

**1.7.20**

**3:30 - 5:30**

**Attendance:**

Bob Bender, PS 11 Principal

**Teachers:**

Samantha Labombara

John Swierczewski (Secretary)

Julia Bucci

Serena Trinkwalder (Math Staff Developer)

**Community Representative:**

Debbie Osborne, PS 11 Programs and Community Based Organization (CBO) representative

**Parents:**

Sonal Patel

Jordan Wright (Chair)

Sheniqua Simon

Vanessa Merlis

Ron Miller

**Not Present:**

Jason Schultz (parent)

Holli Weiss (UFT Chapter Chair)

**Minutes:**

I. December minutes approved.

II. Old Business

A. G&T Outreach project

* Project concluded for the school year (as G&T testing ends soon)
* Bob, Cassandra, Dawn, and Jordan did presentations at Hudson Guild for parents of preschoolers who had registered for the test, to prepare them and their children for what to expect—went well.
* April agenda: begin planning for next year, including:
  + Scaling up efforts
  + Collaborating with NYU

B. Book Club updates

* No updates, because Jason was absent from meeting

C. Affinity Group/Culture Months updates

* January will be Black History Month preparation (with February being Black History Month)
* Pacific Islander cultural institutions were hard to engage
* Will plan further in advance next year, if possible

D. Family Fridays

* Social/Emotional work continues
  + “Best Self” workshop for Kindergarten Family Friday will be on 12/20
  + “Bullying / Conflict” workshop reviewed/revised
    - This will happen during Family Friday on Feb. 28, 2020
    - Revised descriptions of bullying (repeated, power differential) and conflict (which includes both arguments/disagreements and mean moments)
      * SLT teachers will take the lead with other teachers to create scenarios
      * Scenarios will include kid in a bad mood and doing something mean; one kid being mean to multiple people; a group of kids being mean to one kid; alienation

III. Comprehensive Education Plan

* No updates

IV. New Business

* Changing the School Name
  + As part of indigenous people’s heritage month, 3-5th graders uncovered problematic history of William T. Harris and petitioned to change the school name
  + Bob will coordinate time for a committee of 3-5th graders (in collaboration with the student racial equity advisory group) to research people that the school could choose to be named after
  + Regulations:
    - Must locate all living relatives of William T. Harris to notify
    - Proposal must be presented to the PTA general, which will vote on it
    - Minutes of that meeting must be submitted along with the proposal to the DOE
    - March 1st deadline for a September name change to go into effect
    - Goal: aim for March 1st (or earlier), 2021 for a September 2021 name change (rather than try to rush the process to get it done by March 2020)
* District 2 Integration Plan discussion and feedback
  + We reviewed the proposed pilot plan sent to SLTs by the District 2 integration grant planning team
  + We discussed our feedback and submitted responses to their posed questions (how the work is relevant to our school community, what resonates with us, and what questions the plan brings up)
  + We agreed to draft a letter of our concerns to send to the integration grant planning team; Jordan agreed to draft, with the help of Sonal and Bob, then circulate to the whole SLT
* Because this is Jason’s third missed meeting this year, he will not be able to continue on the SLT for the remainder of his term (which ends this school year).
  + We will ask him to continue to coordinate the book club.
  + We will have an emergency election at the next PTA general meeting to replace him for the remainder of his term.

V. Adjourn

**Next meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 from 3:30 - 5:30.**