SLT Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Attendance:

Bob Bender (Principal Member), Debbie Osborn (CBO Member)

Sara Garro (UFT Representative), Elizabeth Devita-Raeburn (PTA Representative)

Teachers:

Caitlyn Robison, Daniella Nusblatt, Emily Donatello, Megan Newman

Parents:

Anu Agrawal, Robin Broshi, Ben Caldwell, Tori Lyon (absent), Kristin Sewell, Chair

Minutes:

1. **Approval of March 2015 SLT Meeting Minutes** with slight typographical edits.
2. **DOE Student Survey** discussed.
3. **Upcoming Parent/Teacher Conference** contractual time to be fulfilled at SLT Potluck Dinner in Friday, June 19. Teachers will sit at informational K-5 grade tables, encouraging interaction with current student as well as new students and their parents/guardians. Teachers unable to attend due to schedule conflicts will be asked to attend Poetry Night.
4. **Final Portfolio and Grade Sheet** will be sent home together in mid-June, allowing time for any requested parent/teacher meetings and ensuring that all portfolios are taken home and reviewed before the end of the school year.
5. **Architecture Night** was well received. This parent-led Family Workshop (chaired by SLT Member Ben Caldwell) will continue roughly in it’s current format and has formed a solid team for upcoming year’s events.
6. **Curriculum Connection (4/27).** Subject will be an overview of the work done so far in the SLT Book Club, inviting new members to join into Cycle 3, which will present findings on 5/27. Final event bringing staff and parents members together will be held 6/10.
7. **Girl Facts Night (4/30).** Serena Meuller and Christine Leonhardt to lead. SLT invitation email to include fuller description of evening as well as a link to content of evening.
8. **Poetry Night (5/19).** Format the same as previous year, to be discussed further at next SLT meeting. Coincides with Spring Bookfair.
9. **Playground Safety.** New cushioned surface for upper playground in Big Yard and Little Yard to be installed. Timeline to be determined. Currently estimated for this summer.
10. **CEC Update** from SLT Member Robin Broshi. Brief discussion of ramifications of Governor Cuomo’s education policy and budget. Summary of CEC Resolution that seeks to change the Middle School Admissions process.
11. **Quality Review (5/13)**. Team focused on Quality Review School Self-Evaluation Form (SSEF) to be submitted 10 days prior to our Quality Review. Using the QR rubrics, the team collected specific examples of how PS11 systematically organizes around improved teacher practice and student achievement. Review will include meetings with the Principal, students, teachers, SLT parent members, as well as classroom observation.
12. **DOE Parent Survey** return numbers very low for PS11. Additional communications have gone out and are on website to encourage all families to return surveys by new deadline of 4/17.
13. **SLT Election practices reviewed**. In accordance with Chancellors Regulations and as has been done in the past, nominations will be taken at the May PTA general meeting. Immediately following PTA elections at the June PTA meeting, SLT candidates will deliver a brief speech detailing why they wish to be on the SLT and then a paper ballot election will be held. This year, there are 2 parent-member vacancies plus an alternate to be elected. PTA Liaison(s) to be appointed by newly-elected PTA president(s) in time to attend final SLT meeting (June 16).
14. **PS11 Homework Policy** discussion continues.
15. **Kindergarten Registration (9-11 on 4/27, 4/28, 4/29 and all day 5/1).** SLT to assist with process. Reach out to non-SLT parents, ensuring at least 3 parent helpers at all times.

Next SLT Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

3:30pm-5:30pm