SLT Meeting

March 3, 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 (absent)

Parents:

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

Minutes:

1. Approval of January and February 2015 SLT Meeting Minutes.
2. CEP

There is no CEP update: monitoring is in process.

1. **Principal’s Report**

* A Quality Review will take place at PS 11 on May 13, 2015. This is the first one since 2008. The school will be rated on 4-5 indicators and results will be made public. The Review will include a meeting with the Principal, students, teachers, as well as classroom observation.
* At the next SLT meeting, the school self-evaluation form will be discussed. Bob requested that SLT members look at the form in preparation for the April meeting.

1. **Enrichment Proposal**

The SLT reviewed a proposal for a school newspaper. Suggestions included:

* Think about making it digital, not published. This would save on printing costs and make it more accessible.
* Need to identify other parent volunteers.
* It was recommended that two students from grades 2-5 should be included.
* Kristen Sewell will write up comments and respond to the parent who applied.

1. **Curriculum Connection**

* March 31 is a workshop about “Writing about Reading Across the Grades”
* Architecture Night is March 25 from 6:30 to 8:00. The whole event will take place in the cafeteria.
* The planners might schedule a trip to the New School for students chosen from the event via raffle.
* Parent volunteers will be recruited.
* Boxes will be collected starting Monday.

1. Book Club

There will be two parent groups participating in this round.

1. **State Education Policy Advocacy**

An email was sent to PS 11 parents urging them to send letters to Albany. Another reminder will be sent via email, and there will possibly be a table with information during drop off/pick up.

1. **Homework Policy**

The SLT discussed PS116’s recent decision to eliminate “traditional homework: in favor of more family and play time. Reading is still expected every day. The PS 11 SLT committed to looking into the research and policies in the coming months.

1. **Grit**

The SLT has been discussing the idea of teaching/modelling “grit” among PS 11 students for a few months. Bob introduced the idea of celebrating the accomplishments of Kindergarten students early next school year right after they publish their first writing piece. The SLT will continue to discuss.

Next SLT Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

3:30pm-5:30pm