

P.S. 11 William T. Harris SLT Meeting Minutes for 12/8/11

DRAFT

Attendance: Vicki Arbitrio, Gloria Castillo, Rachel Cerlen, Dara Genesi, Lucie Holman, Lisa Jaffe, Doris Kreibich, Serena Mueller, Deborah Osborne, Sami Plotkin, Kristin Sewell, Zoya Simakhodskaya

- **November 17, 2011 SLT Meeting Minutes approved with changes**
- **CEP**
- **Books and Burritos**

Lisa secured burritos at half price!
100 chicken
100 veggie
25 chicken no dairy
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We need to get out boats, napkins, forks, cups

The presentation will be from 6:15 to 7, featuring a demonstration of Read Aloud by Bob

Kids will see a documentary movie—Animal Planet, Planet Earth, or similar; One movie in cafeteria for grades 3-5; one in the gym or dance studio for K-2; We will call up to the teachers upstairs to tell them when to wrap up; Everyone eats at 7.

Kristin will prepare a survey.

Sami will email Kathryn Crosby to confirm the times for Book Fair

- **Curriculum Connection**

The two CCs we've had so far were really good but not well attended. They were filmed with flip and can be viewed on YouTube in 10 minute segments—there are links from our site.

In order to get CC better publicized (being on Mondays is one problem!) maybe big posters outside school on the day; we should also robo-call

CC needs to become like Family Friday—People expect one every month are looking to find out “which Monday is it?”

How do we link to the kinds and to what they are doing in school?; Teachers need to know and be talking this up, especially at Family Friday—Bob can do a teacher email blast—Next faculty mtg. beginning of January, Bob can explain to teachers and ask for support.

Can we try to put all the CCs directly after FFs? Either way, we will put them on home folder next year.

- **March 20th TBA event**

One dad had participated in box city—streets were painted on a floor like a grid, and the kids built all the bldgs. that would be needed; we could consider doing this ourselves like museum of city of NY; check in with Karen McKinnon about this.

- **Communication Goal**

We will create a PS 11 magnet and attach a flyer about This Month at PS 11 – We'll tell families—keep this magnet on your fridge – every month you will get one of these for your magnet! We can do this in time for January 2012.

The magnet ritualizes the manner of PS 11 communication, like home folder does.

- **Community goals**

Literacy Outreach

Lucie has not heard back from Linda about timing, and the last date was cancelled. We need to regroup—Bob will discuss with Linda how we will move forward.

Connection to Hudson Guild—Many kids come here from HG, not necessarily with the skills they need for K; that is a group at the right age group; if Bob agrees with that connection, maybe we can take our program there.

Health and Nutrition

Brain Food

Rachel and Debbie did a Brain Food program for Rachel's kids on food choice; Why what goes in your body matters; Kids measured out the

20 teaspoons of sugar that are in a bottle of soda; They measured out the fat in a happy meal using Crisco—Rachel had 12/13 of her kids with their families participating; the local Subway donated subway sandwiches;

The kids loved the program and got a lot out of it; This program would be great for the rest of 5th grade; Rolling it across the grade (doing small groups spaced throughout the year) keeps it alive throughout the school year

Do we want to bring the program to other grades as well? Ideal for 4th and 5th graders, who are lunch leaders and can help the younger kids make healthy choices.

How to integrate the program? If we pay for the lunches, can teachers eat lunch one day in the cafeteria? Teachers could meet Wally, who is now in charge of the kitchen. Could we just pay for the teacher lunches in a lump sum and invite them?

Rachel has materials from the program that can go up on her classroom page.

Kitchen Issues

The staffing shift in the kitchen, with Wally now in charge, should help effect the positive change we have been looking for.

The kitchen needs a better alternative to the cheese sandwiches—WITS have approved sandwiches but we haven't got them yet.

- **Rezoning**

We are not getting rezoned this year. Foundling is not officially a zoned school; since our area is not being zoned, it's in contention. We need to stay on top of encouraging this school to be zoned.

Sibling study to show how many siblings of current students are headed for PS11—Everyone likes the idea, so we will move forward.