

PS 107 School Leadership Team
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2016
2:50-4:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Eve Litwack, Pascale Pradel, Sarah Hunt, Peg Galella, Sheri Silverstein, Rita Palajac, Leigh Smith, Stephen Kitts, Hyon Su Kwon, and Julie Rosenberg

- 1) Revised SLT Bylaws
 - a) Everyone signed the signature page of the revised SLT bylaws
 - b) We also discussed our agreement last spring that we will provide a variance for teachers to have their children to go to PS107 if there is interest and space on the grade
- 2) Diversity
 - a) Feedback from first NPFH activity ("I Am Unique...")
 - b) The feedback for the event was positive. Every class participated.
 - c) Feedback for the Anti-Defamation League
 - i) maybe more direction on how to help kids understand "unique"
 - ii) need to put the questions out to the teachers
 - iii) maybe put up the "I am unique" for Grandparents Day (12/2)
 - (1) diversity committee is planning to put up in the hall
 - d) Parent workshop by the Anti-Racism Alliance on November 7th at 6:30
 - e) Staff workshop by same on November 8th
 - f) For Anti-Defamation League we need to do 4 activities
 - i) Have done 2
 - ii) Last 2 will be books
 - g) Gender "non-conforming" issue in Kindergarten
 - i) Discussed non-traditional conforming gender student and need for educating teachers, students, parents
 - ii) Educating Staff
 - (1) staff development in November
 - iii) Educating students
 - (1) There will be grade appropriate read-aloud books in December that will provide opportunities for teacher led discussions about gender fluidity.
 - (2) bathroom is the most confusing/difficult part
 - (a) Clarify that kids can use the bathroom that corresponds with their gender identity.
 - (3) Most important thing is to make the student feel comfortable
- 3) No Homework policy at PS 118
 - a) Link to the article

- i) <https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20161005/park-slope/school-gets-rid-of-homework-value-young-children>
- b) PTA discussed at their meeting
 - i) Grades 3-5 need homework
 - ii) transition to middle school
 - iii) Grades 1-2 maybe re-think our homework policy
 - iv) Grade K does not have assigned homework
- c) Discussed the rationale and policy for homework
 - i) Homework is about developing skills
 - ii) Agreed to table the issue for now
 - iii) Feedback from more parents and teachers is needed
 - iv) Need for a unified attitude about homework
- d) Also had a discussion regarding reading log
 - i) Decided to look at the school's policy
 - ii) maybe only for chapter books
- e) Decide to table the discussion for now.
- 4) CEP Goals for 2017-18
 - a) Once again the committee briefly went over the 6 elements of the framework for great schools
 - b) Discussed the importance of starting work on writing the next set of CEP goals.

Next Meeting: Wednesday November 16th, 2:50-4:30pm