

School Leadership Team Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday 12/14/16  
2:50-4:30pm

Minutes taken by Marci Aronovitz

New Business:

1. Student Spending Project begins
  - a. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade SSP Council
    - Students met to begin developing their proposals for Spending Projects to support the school. The Student Spending Projects are in their second year.
    - \$1,000 has been allocated in the PTA budget for small projects and improvements to be made to the school.
    - Selected student groups work together with parent volunteer to come up with projects they identify as needed for the school and the students such as new outdoor athletic equipment, new water fountains, etc. Once the students come up with potential projects, the rest of the students are presented with the ideas and then allowed to vote—the idea with the most votes wins.
    - Under Vicki Sell's leadership, the idea grew out of Councilmen Landers Participatory Budget Process which awards money for capital projects to schools whose proposals are voted on by the community at large.

Old Business:

1. More Info on Open Meetings requirements for SLTs
  - Meeting Location, FOIL – notes, publicized dates
  - Update By-Laws
- Due to a court ruling in response to parent's interest in ensuring that important decisions made at SLT meetings are transparent, SLT meetings are required to be open to the public.
- Meeting dates and times must be posted clearly on the website along with meeting minutes. The by-laws will need to be updated to reflect the change.
- A discussion ensued about the parameters of the public attendance at meetings with respect to participation—the primary concern being efficiency and meeting length.
2. Homework
  - Changes to the 1& 2 grade have been instituted and the feedback is thus far positive.
    - Upper grade teacher feedback on Reading Logs
  - In response to an inquiry about the utility of the use of reading logs in the classroom as an incentive and a measure for how much the students are reading, teachers have indicated that they find them very useful. Teachers use them as a way assist students with reading at their appropriate level based on the amount read during the allotted time as well it they fell it helps students with reading growth and process.
3. Diversity Committee
  - Art Day
  - To promote inclusion and understanding of diversity a “No Place for Hate” circle was held that was very successful and received positive feedback.

- December Read Aloud books
- Martin Luther King, Jr. and February First Friday plan
- Possible future workshops with Tonia & Jordan
- There is work being done to create a follow-up workshop with Tonia & Jordan to further the diversity conversation and take it to a deeper level based on an interest and feedback to do so.

#### 4. Math

Math Consultant, Sue Morris, Days 1&2

- Sue Morris, Generation Ready, has begun professional development work with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers to strengthen the math curriculum. She will expand her work to the upper grades later in the year. Her work should build on the work of our on staff math experts that has been great at building the curriculum over the last couple years.

#### 5. Budget/Grants

- Technology for upper grades & students with special needs
- A committee is looking into the potential of getting technology for the upper grades, which might mean chrome books for all of the students to allow them to use them in class for their work.
- The committee is exploring potential grants for which to apply and assessing school needs with respect to technology as well as supports for students' with special needs. School needs must first be identified in order to determine which grants for which to submit proposals.
- Next new goal for 2017-18 CEP
  - A plan to institute "Collaborative Teachers" – this would mean having groups of 10 teachers across grades work together with one administrator to determine goal(s) and ways in which to achieve and hold each other accountable for the achievement of the goals.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2:50-4:30pm