

## **PS 107 School Leadership Team**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**February 15, 2017**

**2:50-4:30 p.m.**

#### **Attendees:**

Eve Litwack, Pascale Pradel, Sarah Hunt, Peg Galella, Sheri Silverstein, Rita Palajac, Leigh Smith, Stephen Kitts and Marci Abromovitz (Catherine DiMartino – observer)

#### **1) Transgender student**

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boy transitioning to girl
- b) Announced in all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms
- c) Will be using the girls' room after vacation; changing name to girl's name
- d) More information to come

#### **2) Betsy DeVos' confirmation**

- a) Vouchers could come immediately.
- b) Catherine DiMartino spoke – projecting if state wants federal money, they have to participate in vouchers.
- c) Parents might work to take some political action– Eve can't be involved

#### **3) 2017-18 Register Projections**

- a) Anticipate 589 kids. Now we have 578. Will appeal for 575.
- b) Projecting 11 ICTs for 1<sup>st</sup> grade (even though none in K now)
- c) Projecting an ICT class in K
- d) Projecting 106 for K
- e) 4 classrooms in lower grades (3.5 in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 4 for 4<sup>th</sup>; 3 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

#### **4) Additional Parent Outreach in Spring**

- a) Leigh: Panel for new parents in the Fall and Spring panels for parents to anticipate the following year
- b) PTA meeting in March – start talking to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents about what to expect with middle school applications

#### **5) Feedback on Feb First Friday**

- a) Tons of positive feedback

- b) How do we keep it alive; can't just be February
- c) No place for hate has been wonderful
- d) March first Friday –Eve is encouraging classrooms to do a mini-version of student-led conferences during March first Friday. (A handful of teachers will have student led conferences at parent/teacher conferences; parents could opt out.)

**6) Signature Sheet for CEP**

- a) We signed to say we are involved in the creation of the school's CEP

**7) Feedback on new homework policy**

- a) Some confusion around new policy
- b) For example, a parent didn't know there was an option to play a math game
- c) Teachers can create extra packet to give to kids, if interest
- d) Eve will do more communicating – hand out visual summary of new policy at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parent/teacher conferences in March.

**8) Testing**

- a) PTA and teachers are working to help parents understand their choices – participating or opting out

**9) Other Business**

- a) Tables ordered for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and a handful of other classrooms.
- b) Reso-A-Grant – looking to get new smart boards
- c) More Chrome books purchased

Tabled until March

- Final CEP Goal – draft, Effective School Leadership
- Update SLT By-Laws to reflect Open Meetings law

**Next Meeting: Wednesday March 22nd, 2:50-4:30pm**