

**January 18, 2017**

**SLT Meeting Minutes**

**All Members Present**

**Community Education Council (CEC) Member, Jin Wen, was scheduled to attend but will attend the morning PTA Meeting on 1/20 instead.**

She will summarize the CEC vote and election process

**CEP Goals:**

Will work on them for the next meeting. Two are drafted and three need to be revised.

**Principal Performance Observation (PPO)**

Quality review

SLT feedback was mentioned during the PPO

**How to increase parent interaction and bring concerns from the parent community? How do we get more parents involved and attend PTA?**

**Suggestions:**

Create a SLT parent general email account for questions and ideas.

Make SLT more visible on Konstella.

Clarify response and timeline for answering questions from the parent community.

Introduction / announcement email for parent community and/or new parents

What is SLT

What is the philosophy / culture of school?

Partnering K/new parents with seasoned parents (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents)

Partnering new class parents with seasoned class parents

Kindergarten picnic great but do more

FAQs as a tab on the website

Information page for new parents with links to committees and people to talk to

Culture – what are our beliefs?

ICT – what is our structure?

Check out our website and other schools' websites and bring suggestions for improvement at next meeting

### **Diversity Committee Update:**

School wide read-aloud activity on gender identity done in December. Lower grades read and discussed Jacob's New Dress. Upper grades read and discussed Red: A Crayon's Story. Teachers were given supplemental images and discussion ideas.

Lunar New Year events list send to parents via Konstella

Raising Bias Free Kids Workshop follow up session was held on January 17 for parents

School wide MLK readings done and videos watched earlier in the month. This will be followed up with Civil Rights Leader activity to be shared during February First Friday.

Third No Place for Hate Activity TBD in April

Diversity Training for staff follow up session is scheduled for June's PD day.

Ramadan reading and activity is being planned for June.

### **Budget and Spending:**

Spend all money by end of March

Items for possible purchase:

- 1) Work tables for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and some 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms

5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers – YES; 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers – maybe

Uniformity and more space are benefits of tables; Will make more space in the rooms

- 2) Our smartboards not working out – not compatible with Apple – swap out?

Gary and Kim Landman trying to find a solution

Marybeth and Kim are also talking to Prometheum about new smart boards

- 3) Chromebooks for upper grades

- 4) Library

Potential grant money:

Resolution A money from Brad Lander?

Steve and Pascale looking into grant money via Borough President for next school year

Amp Up is a program for grants for music equipment mentioned by Nancy.

### **Math Curriculum: Working with Consultant Sue Morris**

Realigning units and where the gaps have been eye opening

Develop a website for us

Discussion about what works and what doesn't

You can't follow a curriculum – has to be broader

Embedding fluency work in daily work

Math problems to develop critical thinking

Do the good parts of TERC and supplement with other things

She will spend 1 full day with each grade

Full teacher PD on math stations in February

Parent workshop

Hope to work with her again next year

Would like to bring our math program to Teachers College literacy program standards

### **Literacy**

Reading workshop for parents in February with Jennifer Tirado

She will share rubrics so that kids know what the expectations are

### **DOE /DOS recycling**

Zero waste school

100% compliant

Program moving into the classrooms and afterschool – sorting cans

Making kids responsible for execution of program –

Green Team – 2 – 3 reps per grade

will need to apply for it

will give demos

team members get a swag bag with tee and badge

Friday PM to check classrooms announcement will be made

Classrooms will be rated

### **MISC**

Sex Ed Workshop well received and a follow up workshop TBD

STEAM Day coming up