



The Windsor Terrace School

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School Leadership Team (SLT) Minutes April 16, 2018

Meeting began at 4:30pm

Co-Chairs: Laura Varriale (staff) and Anne Lanier (parents)

Principal: Michael Buckley UFT Rep: Eva Giamboi, PTA: Zoë Kashner

Staff: Rosemary Graham, Marisa Marucci, Erika Hammond, Leila Rached

Parents: Geoff DeBery, Gretchen Aguiar, Lisa Tazartes, (absent: Roberto Herrera, Jesse Farrell)

New Lunch Plan trial starts on May 1. Menu is considered to be more popular with kids and also adequately nutritious. If people don't like it, we can still change back to the Alternative Menu.

C-30 Update: Anita Skop is scheduled to attend next month's SLT meeting (May 15) to announce news from the C-30 process.

Responsive Classroom Update: SLT reached consensus on the following plans:

--Next year, we will have one teacher-ambassador to help train teachers and staff who did not receive RC training this year.

--The RC Coach will do a school walk-through on April 27, and work with Mr. Buckley to determine 5 points of RC that will be part of our school-wide implementation.

--In 2018-2019 5 points will become part of the daily PS 154 routine.

--By fall 2019 all classrooms will be using 5 points of RC practice.

PTA Update: Anything that is going to be a part of annual funding needs to get into the May meeting to be voted on.

Alumni Middle School Preparedness Survey: Will be finalized by Friday. Norms for Releasing Survey Data will be sent around via email and discussed at May SLT meeting.

CEP Updates

Rigorous Instruction

- The Science Committee is researching the Amplify curriculum
- Sciencetastic Day planning is underway
- Planning is in place for each class to have push-in enrichment science classes through Tiny Scientist, funding to be requested at April PTA meeting.

Supportive Environment

- Review of concerns and recommendations for lunch and recess.
- Looking into having Mr. Sean rotate classes for some grades.

Mailbag

Topics included:

- Request to dedicate any future empty classroom as a library.
- Request for add'l lunch staff training in allergies.
- Request for staff to keep reading levels private from children.
- Request to discontinue group rewards and punishments, due to concerns about how children with special needs may be adversely affected by this.
- Request for more science in the park, or other use of the park.
- Request to consider less worksheet-heavy and more hands-on and project-based math work.
- Request for more social justice and civic literacy activities at PS 154.
- Request for more second language (incl ASL) instruction at PS 154.
- Request for reducing the amount of 4th grade homework.
- Request for short snack time for all students.
- Request for science fair to include feedback on proposals, background on what students have learned in class, not having diorama and science fair due on same day. Plus, praise for student and teacher comments on post-its.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm