

PS 172 SLT 9/30/24

Agenda & Minutes

Present: Erika Gundersen, Magda O., Sarah Margolies, Yasman Yudeh, Kaitlyn Kocur, Debbie Nikrad, Emily Todras

- Review SLT minutes from last meeting 6/10/24
  - Minutes approved
  - Review bylaws and CR A-655
- Review Parent and Family Engagement Policy and school-parent Compact
  - We need chairperson who creates agenda and sets time limits
    - We want to work together and build consensus and make sure everyone gets to speak about important issues to them
- Title 1 Parent Advisory Council- set aside funds
  - Stephanie is our title one chairperson
  - this parent advisory for title 1 schools- schools with 60% of students living at or below poverty line
  - We are a schoolwide project school- which means we may use funding for anyone in our building as long as title 1 students make progress
  - 1% of title 1 parent money supports learning for parents- for example last year had bullying workshops
  - Erika's goal is to work with Stephanie and title one committee to figure out workshops that families will attend
  - Last year's budget was around \$4,000
- SLT Committees
  - Equity and Inclusion
    - Student friendly core value poster
    - DEIB
      - Celebratory months- posters
      - 2 students went to D15 in person kickoff last week
      - Adult D15 equity meetings starting soon
      - FALPS- next is Hispanic Heritage Month focus in October, Native American Heritage Month in November
        - All include connections to core values
    - Lunch Club making choices
      - Plan spirit weeks
      - Read books, decide which to use for vlog
        - Vlog will be somewhat like weekly newscast but include focus on core values and possible independent projects
      - Welcoming committee

- Grants
  - Walentas Foundation- \$15,000 focus connecting families to community organizations which are primarily outdoors as well as in school assemblies
    - Greenwood Cemetery trolley trips which align with Wit and Wisdom
    - Brooklyn Grange/ City Growers
    - October 11th HHM
    - April Arab American Heritage Month
    - June Caribbean American Heritage Month Assembly
  - \$100,000 Councilmember Alexa Aviles
    - Prioritizing 4th and 5th graders using computers in class
    - We're rethinking our stance on students and technology; there are many rules around apple watches, smartphones
    - Another challenge is central DOE no longer provides devices
    - We are considering collecting devices and redistributing
    - We need to problem solve as a community how to create a system for technology distribution, including individual devices, smartboards, etc.
    - We make take a poll to gather needs
  - CASA grant for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders- Inside Broadway
- PTA Report
  - PTA putting together movie night on October 11th
  - October 18th is picture day
  - October 24th PTA Meeting on zoom
  - October 25th pumpkin event
  - Sam is organizing enrichment
  - Fall swap is moving to November
- Open Discussion
  - Wit and Wisdom seems to be going well. Some students seem to be doing while while others need much more facilitation. The curriculum is taking a long time. It is two periods a day. There are movement breaks built into lessons. Everything in curriculum is what we have been doing but now within the confines of the Wit and Wisdom protocols. There are new stories and it is very comprehensive and difficult to figure out if anything can be removed to save time. One missing element is real, working, explicit models or examples. We have 22 visits with staff developer throughout the year to help teachers facilitate units. Should have rolled out one grade at a time to build the program. We are feeling our way through what works best and what adjustments are needed.

- WIN period- all intervention teachers have reassessed students from last year and we are now putting together teacher teams. During the WIN period, 4 extra teachers will work with students in small groups. This includes book clubs and PBL, advanced literacy program, guided reading; groups very specific to what students need. We are working to help students get specific skills they need to advance. We're starting with 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Students will be gather from across the grade.
- Can we make a FALP directory? Poster or staff person to direct families to classrooms on FALP days?
- Can we be more ambitious about field trips? There is the challenge of bussing hours. Hiring private buses would be 200-300\$ per trip but would allow more freedom in transportation.
- Culture Pass- Would families be willing to repurpose money on private memberships and contribute to Cool Culture Pass
  - Could we use title one money on Cool Culture Pass? Ask Stephanie
- For next time, everyone please read the CEP so we can discuss it.
- Arts
  - Two big shows- Wonders of Weather in January (1,3,5) and Colors All Around Us (K, 2 4) in June
  - Lunch Clubs
    - Possible performances in between larger shows in music and dance, possible scenery collaboration in art
  - Art Gallery (or two) this year for families to get close up to their children's artwork. Ms Dunn is planning an art-walk by grade level in which grade level kids do a "scavenger hunt" with their families.
- Next meetings
  - Oct 28
  - Nov 25
  - Dec 16
  - Jan 27
  - Feb 24
  - March 24
  - April 28
  - May 19
  - June 16