

School Leadership Team Meeting- November 20, 2019

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Review of Minutes

- October minutes were reviewed and approved. No Corrections

Student Council

- Ashley Falcon (6th grade- Student Council President) and Yusra Alamari (8th grade) joined the SLT meeting.
- There was a Student Council meeting on 11/19 where the students discussed many things, such as:
 - Having a letter drive (like pen pals) for kids who can't go to school for different reasons (hospitalizations, etc.) between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - Updating the Bulldog store: change up choices for students to pick from, teachers have to give out more Bulldog Bucks than they do.
 - Noticed a need for an after school ENL ELA program for adults. (Mr. Muccino explained that there used to be a program like that on Saturday mornings but so many of the moms would bring their young children because they had no daycare it caused a lot of disruptions. The school will work on a plan to bring the program back).
 - Hosting more dress down days- 12/2 to 12/6 will be "Spirit Week" and every day is a dress down day with a different theme.
 - Having fundraisers for children in need (shoe drive, clothes drive, coat drive, etc.)
 - Ms. Schiavonne (annex 320) does a coat drive for the community every year. This year we will have a box by the entrance to the main building to collect coats and Student Council will walk them over to the annex once a week.
 - Incentives to keep attendance up during the weeks leading up to the state tests. Student Council needs to see how their ideas could fit in to the attendance incentives already in place. The decision was to combine the attendance incentive with the Car Wash Ice Cream Social this year. The social this year will ONLY be for those with perfect attendance, instead of for the whole school. Student Council should get back to Mr. Muccino with a date for the car wash and the ice cream social.

Old Business

- Book Fair: after all of the work to set it up and being open every day, the school only received \$3000. Not an equal breakdown of work to profit.
- Fearlessly Girl: grant Mrs. Sanders worked out through Go Noodle that hosted an event in late October. Our 4th grade girls and their 8th grade mentors met with a female motivational speaker from Canada. She spoke to the girls about their fears and how they can overcome them, as well as society's view of the perfect girl and how they can be happy with themselves in spite of that. The girls worked in groups to talk about these topics before enjoying a dance party. The culmination of the day was when they ripped up the cards that their fears were written upon and let them go.
- Wonder Walk: able to raise \$1500 for the March of Dimes, so far. Money is still coming in because the due date for envelopes isn't until December. Because of the rain this year, the Wonder Walk was held in the

annex cafeteria. The 4th graders were waiting in there and the other grades walked through, one by one, to show off their costumes. Everyone was happy and clapping- the young kids loved it!

- After School Tutoring: started the first week of November. There is open enrollment so teachers can continue to send students to the program if they feel the student would benefit.

New Business

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) for grades 3 to 5. Instead of regular science fair projects like years past, these grades will be completing STEAM projects this year. (The other grades will continue to conduct regular science fair experiments). Because STEAM projects are more involved, and this is our first year trying it out, the Science Fair might be held later in the year than February. The final decision will be made at the curriculum meeting next week.
- Science Curriculum: to support the STEAM initiative, we have a new curriculum this year. This new curriculum has more projects that are aligned with STEAM so the students have consistency.
- Equity Team: The first meeting will be held on 11/25. There is someone coming from the District 7 office to work one on one with Mr. Muccino on the next phase of equity training. These trainings are usually done in a whole group meeting with the entire equity team to focus on lessening implicit bias, etc. This new training will eventually be turn keyed to all of the teachers in the school, after Mr. Muccino and the rest of the team are trained.
- Survey Results: our overall school rating for supportive school environment are in! We have 4s in collaborative teachers, supportive environment, and effective school leadership. In all other categories (students achievement, rigorous instruction, family-community ties, and trust) we scored 3s. While we continue to work towards 4s in all areas, we are very proud of our results.
- Social Studies grant/ NYHS (New York Historical Society) it is a middle school grant through the NYHS, which will be giving us a bus (1 time a week for 9 weeks) to bring students to the NYHS and other museums. Students will visit the museums and work on a culminating project. The focus for the year is IMMIGRATION. This means the 8th grade students involved can use this project as their SS exit project for the year.
 - Notice for the program has not been sent out to parents yet because the school has not decided how the students will be picked. Ms. Collins will be moderating the group. Possible meeting times are from 2:30 to 4:30 on either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. It will be a lot of work and a lot of studying. It makes more sense for it to be an enrichment program than a program for students who might already be struggling, since it will be a challenging undertaking for any students who participates. (as of the end of this meeting it was decided that students would be chosen through Teacher Invitation).

Committee Updates

- UCS
 - CSGI budget: money is being reallocated. The budget for office and program supplies will be reduced so that the money for food and incentives can be raised.
 - Food is ordered for many events through the UCS budget, incentives include the DJ and inflatables for the block party, as well as the over 450 items ordered from Oriental Trading to make up the attendance incentive bags.

- The budget for UCS is no longer paying for the soccer clinic. PS 83 will be taking over the costs for the clinic. (The school received money for extra students from the district). This leaves UCS with an extra \$6060 which they are looking in to using to hire an instructor for a rock band. The meeting is set up for tomorrow (11/21) to discuss the cost, etc. There might be a chorus instructor, as well!
 - Finally, Cindy Lomonaco will be receiving her well-deserved cost of living raise.
- Attendance: chronically absent students are down to 9%. We have scored a 4 (on a scale of 1 to 4) statewide.
- Upcoming Events: 12/6 is the next event for students with improved attendance from last year to this year. The students in the main will be having a “chopped cheese” lunch party and the students in the annex will be having a pizza lunch party.
- Program Updates:
 - Smile NY: they will be here 12/9. 170 student forms have been completed and sent back to see the dentist.
 - Vision Screening: currently going on. They have been in the Annex since Monday (11/18). They will hopefully be ready to move to the Main by mid-morning on Thursday (11/21). The director of the program realized that the screenings will not be completed by Friday (11/22) for the entire school so they will schedule more time in January to finish.
- The collaborative planning meeting will be next month to go over the programs.
- Ramon Lopez shared that the AFT is providing cultural responsiveness training. It is a 3 day training in NYC in January. It goes along with our equity team training. UCS would help pay for an administrator and 4 teachers to go to the training. More info will be emailed to Mr. Muccino, since registration for the event has already begun.
- UFT: no representative, no updates
- PTA: no representative, no updates
- Title I:
 - The concussion workshop had to be postponed but it will be rescheduled.
 - Mad science will be returning to our school this year- and at a lower price!

Tabled for next meeting (December 18)

- Timeline for Communication (in reference to the PTA and Title I): parents have complained that they are finding out about events too late and information isn't being disseminated in a timely fashion. It has some to do with a breakdown in communication between all 3 parties and it needs to be discussed. There needs to be a joint PTA/Title I meeting so that information does not get lost and forgotten while it is being passed from one person to another.

Miscellaneous

- School aides LOVED being part of the Veteran's Day PD and want to continue to be included in the meetings and program for the day. They really enjoyed being in PD with teachers.
- Supply Room: Pip has been making up the list of supplies with Cathy Rossi so that everything is in order for when she goes on maternity leave. She would like the teachers to come up with a wish list of 1 or 2 things that their grade would like her to have on hand in the supply room.

- Study Hall: need to figure out a better system for how study hall is handled. It is not controlled or specific enough. Students who are supposed to stay inside (either because of uniform infractions or because of behavior) end up outside anyway because there isn't a designated place for them to stay or a designated school aid to watch them. If they had a designated place and designated person, there would be much less confusion and study hall would be more effective.