

School Leadership Team Meeting- December 19, 2018

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Review of Minutes

- November minutes were reviewed and approved. No corrections.

Welcome

- Mrs. Lana-Etzel is sitting in for Mr. Muccino because of his attendance at a district wide principal's meeting.

Old Business

- CEP official signature sheet
 - Completed by whoever was missing at last month's meeting.
 - Will be uploaded on 12/20

New Business

- 5th grade teacher vacancy
 - Mrs. Macek is gone (was given a 5th grade class upon her return from maternity leave, even though she is typically a K teacher)
 - Took a K position at another school
 - Mr. Muccino released her at the request of that school's principal
 - Vacancy in her position (services 207/208 ELA and SS)
 - Mrs. Giordano was originally the special education teacher in 207 (the ICT class) but she is dual certified in special education and general education.
 - Mrs. Giordano has graciously agreed to take over Mrs. Macek's position.
 - Mrs. Giordano's position will be filled by the resource teacher from the annex so that all students in the ICT will continue to receive their services.
 - Interviews were conducted for the position but none could be hired because of the hiring freeze on general education licenses.
 - The DOE wants principals to pull from the ATR pool of teachers with general education license before hiring on teachers new to the city.
 - Some ATR teachers were interviewed but were not a good fit for our school.
 - Administration will continue to look for candidates but their hands are tied until the hiring freeze is lifted.
 - Because Mrs. Giordano is familiar with the students and the curriculum, at this point in time she is the BEST choice for our students.
- Food Drive Donations
 - Once again participating in the D11 food drive.
 - Mr. Alioto's wife (who works for a snack company) has gotten her company to donate 10 pallets of food. This is a HUG contribution to our food drive.
 - The food pallets are being delivered on 12/20 to be picked up by the 49th precinct with the rest of the food collected by the PS 83 community.

CLS

- Thank you to CLS for the appetizers and beverages provided for this meeting. It is highly appreciated!
- Parent Engagement
 - Since there has been so much positive feedback from teachers and students, on 1/15 at 8:30am, Elevate Education will be at PS 83 for a parent workshop.
 - The topic will be how they can help their children at home, with homework and study skills.
 - Invitations were sent to parents who answered the survey sent out at the beginning of the year.
 - New focus is how to draw more parents in to workshops and events.
 - Might be a good idea to celebrate students' attendance every 3 months with an invitation to come see your child presented with a certificate as a way to get parents here.
 - Another idea is to always give tickets to events. If there is a tear off about an event, always send a ticket home so parents have a reminder.
 - Always send out text and e-mail reminders to parents about events.
- Mental health
 - 12/18: workshop for teachers and staff on how to reduce stress in the classroom.
 - How do address the event without escalating it?
 - Tons of positive feedback
 - Thinking of holding the workshop for parents, as well.
- Sports/Clubs beginning in 2019 (sponsored by CLS)
 - These are pilot clubs for the year to see which have the most success. Those will be brought back in following years.
 - Multicultural Club (there will be performance at the end of their "research" period. This is a good way to get parents in to the school).
 - Other clubs will be run by Ms. S. Loretta, from January to June, consisting of students she has selected because she knows them and their story. (student bereavement, young men initiative, girls empowerment, gay/straight alliance,)
 - Soccer Club: will ne for grades 3 through 8. Students will be split up into 4 groups with 25 students in each group. It will run on Saturdays, from April to June. Invitations will be sent out.
- Student Council
 - Students from the council will be joining our meeting next month.
 - They want to discuss some new ideas they have for the school/community in 2019.

UFT

- 12/21 there will be an Ugly Holiday Sweater contest. People who wish to be in the contest should take a picture and text it to Ms. Ayala before 7ht period.
 - There will be one winner in the Annex and one winner in the Main building.
- Toy Drive: some participated. Our school found out about the drive late into the allotted time period. Next year, we hope to find out sooner and spread the word better.
- Delegate meeting: there are some major changes to the teacher contract that will be explained more fully in the coming months.

PTA

- Holidays around the World (12/1): good event but not as great of a turnout as in years past.
- Family Movie night last week: made about \$200 in profit so it was a great event.
- There is a bake sale today (12/19). Hopefully our bake sales can continue to coincide with PTA meeting dates.
- 2/1: father/Son Night at Dave and Busters is scheduled.
- 2/25 will hopefully be another family movie night.
- The February dance for the students is still in the planning stages.
- Still on the lookout for websites that sell "swag" for our school.

TITLE 1

- No news to report for January
- At the January PTA meeting parents will be voting for the 2019 workshops they hope to see at PS 83.
 - On the docket:
 - Surviving the High School Application Process
 - What Comes Next? Student to Adulthood, With a Disability
 - Students Understanding Their IEP Rights
 - Educational Rights for Immigrant Families
 - All of these workshops are offered and run by Advocates for Children of NY
- Mad Science is the next event on February

Miscellaneous

- After school tutoring
 - Starting to look at attendance.
 - Students with less than 50% attendance will receive a phone call home. If the parent doesn't want them to continue then they will be asked to leave in order to make room for other students.
- Science fair Club
 - 2 hours on Tuesdays in January
 - Teachers (2 in the annex and 2 in the main) will provide students with materials and project ideas.
 - The teachers are there to help as much as possible so these students can be successful
 - 4 groups: 2/3 group; 3/4 group; 5/6 group; and 7/8 group.
 - The idea was brought up to have older kids help the younger ones, especially students in need of service hours.
- Barriers for the 49th precinct
 - Where are we in the application process?
 - Were the papers ever signed by Mr. Muccino?