

DRAFT

Attendance:

Vicki Arbitrio	Lucie Holman	Serena Mueller (absent)	Kristin Sewell
Bob Bender	Lisa Jaffe	Deborah Osborne	Zoya Simakhodskaya
Karen Carmichael	Dara Genesi	Sami Plotkin	
Rachel Cerlen	Doris Kreibich		

- May 19, 2011 SLT Meeting Minutes approved
- **DOE proposed move of PS51 students to PS11**

We discussed DOE's ill-conceived proposal to move the upper grades of PS 51 to 320 West 21st Street for the upcoming 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years due to PS51 parents' concerns about health risks for their children due to local construction. This proposal is completely unacceptable. To absorb 150 students from PS51 (their 3/4/5 grades) will require that we turn over 8 rooms for their use. Where are these rooms? The DOE proposal would force us to uproot and crowd our neediest students – those in self-contained mixed-grade Special Education classes – into cramped 1/2 size rooms. In addition, we'd be forced to close our Science Lab (or Music Room or Art Room). All this while absorbing overflow from PS41 (30 offers were given for Fall 2011) and opening a 7th Kindergarten section to support the ever-growing demographic in Chelsea. There are so many logistical reasons why this proposal would prove a nightmare: aside from the obvious upheaval and overcrowding, where/when would these new students have lunch or recess? Art, Music, Computers? How would they have Science? How would we handle arrival and dismissal when their day is from 8:00-2:30, ours is 8:50-3:10? Not to mention the hugely wasteful financial cost of relocating them (and shuffling us, again), and an estimated 5 bus routes at \$80,000 per route. We are prepared to bring the full force of PS 11's SLT, parent body, and extended community to bear in opposition. We will not allow our children's education to be undermined by shortsightedness.

Kristin (SLT), Juan/Kathryn (PTA) and Vicki (PAC) will draft a letter to Ms. Rose of the DOE and cc other relevant organizations and individuals. Parent body will be informed.

- **Poetry Night (May 26, 2011) Recap**
 - Fantastic event: received excellent feedback from parents and kids.
 - Bake sale was also successful: raised \$430. Thank you Dara. We plan to continue to use Bake Sales as fundraising vehicle at appropriate future SLT events.
- **Scholastic Book Fair (May 22-26, 2011) Recap**
 - Book fair was great success: we sold about \$8000 worth of books and will receive around \$5000 worth of books for our school. Kathryn has done an amazing job.
 - We are planning 2 book fairs for next year: one in the fall and one for poetry night.
- **Kindergarten Welcome (June 16, 2011 at 1:30pm)**
 - We are all set for the Kindergarten Welcome tomorrow.
 - New parents will be introduced to SLT and provided orientation information.
 - Will not distribute "Year in a Life of Kindergartener" at this time. Since we still do not have the budget, some of the programming may change. Will having another orientation in the Fall. Frameworks will be posted on the website.
 - PTA will sell swag at the event.
- **2010/11 Community Goal: Communication**
 - "Year in a Life" frameworks:
 - We were not able to finalize the frameworks since we do not have the budget and some of the programming may change. The final editing will be done for consistency and overall content by Kristin and Bob.
 - The frameworks will be posted on the website in August.
 - New website:
 - The new website looks amazing - Kristin has done an incredible job.
- **Pay It Forward Initiative (June 22-24, 2011)**
 - Kristin to buy stamps and 3rd graders will put them on the postcards. Added the logo of the funding organization to the postcards.
 - Each class and grade decided what they want to do and where they want to go.
 - Pre-K will distribute little bears at the Highline Park
 - Kindergarten sing at the Highline Park
 - 1st grade will make paper flowers and go to the Post office
 - 2nd grade will create note cards with sayings or humor and go to Battery Park
 - 3rd grade will make lemonade, give out jokes, etc like a carnival at Great Lawn in Central Park
 - 4th grade will make fans and go to Central Park
 - 5th grade will create recycled water bottles with messages on them and go to Washington Sq Park

- **CEP**
 - We worked on next year's CEP. New goals are set. Cannot complete it as the budget doesn't exist yet.
- **Pot Luck End of the Year Party (June 24, 2011 6-8pm).**
 - Set up the potluck tables near the building with 2 stations and a water station.
 - Kristin will get sound permit
 - PTA will sell swag.
 - DJ is booked.
 - Lucy ordered leis.
 - 3rd graders will decorate with Lisa.
 - Garden committee will make something from our garden (mint iced tea, etc) and have a table out.
 - SLT members should wear name tags
 - Doris will check the supplies, including aluminum foil for leftover food.
 - Remember to make an announcement about 40 minutes before the end about taking leftovers.
 - Assignments:
 - Greeting: Bob, Karen and others
 - Food: Doris
 - Everyone to set up at 5:30pm
- **SLT Elections Results**
 - Kristin and Dara were elected for the next 2 year term on the team.
 - SLT Election was uncontested and, therefore, we did not have any candidates for alternates.
 - SLT/PTA liaison to be appointed by PTA Co-Presidents in September.
- **SLT Meeting and Event Schedule**

SLT Meetings for next year

9/15/11
10/13/11
11/17/11
12/8/11
1/12/12
2/16/12
3/15/12
4/19/12
5/10/12
6/14/12
6/18/12 – optional meeting

Events Schedule for next year:

Fri 9/16/11 Welcome Back Party
Sat 10/15/11 Fall Festival
Thu 10/27/11 Math Mac & Cheese
Wed 12/14/11 Books and Burritos, 12/14-16 Scholastic Book Fair
Tue 3/20/12 SLT event (possibly Architecture and Arroz Con Pollo)
Thu 3/29/12 Girls Facts Night
Wed 5/23/12 Poetry Night, 5/23-25 Scholastic Book Fair
Fri 6/22/12 End of the Year Pot Luck Party

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