

P.S. 11 William T. Harris SLT Meeting Minutes for 11/17/11

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Attendance: Bob Bender, Karen Carmichael, Rachel Cerlen, Lucie Holman, Lisa Jaffe Dara Genesi, Doris Kreibich, Serena Mueller, Deborah Osborne, Sami Plotkin, Kristin Sewell, Zoya Simakhodskaya

- **October 13, 2011 SLT Meeting Minutes approved**

- **CEP**

Collectively reviewed and edited the text of our 2011-2012 CEP.

- **Curriculum Coffee Planning**

Dates For 2011/2012 Curriculum Coffees (9-10 am):

November 21st Math Mac 'n Cheese

This is a repeat of last year's Math Mac 'n Cheese — primarily for K and new families, but open to anyone who missed it last year.

Dec. 5th—Writing the P.S. 11 Way

A repeat of the writing presentation from 2 years ago for all grades: Parents will go through the entire 6-week writing from idea to publication.

Dec 19th—Bringing School Home (The School/Home Connection)

How to help your child with homework and other ways to find out what's happening at school.

Jan 23rd –Questioning

How to raise the level of our questions to elicit synthesizing work rather than rote response from our kids.

Feb 6th – Reading Recovery Strategies: Reduce Reading Frustrations at Home Gloria will give this presentation, which she created for teachers for K-2

Feb. 27th –Multiplication and Division Strategies: An Exploratory Approach

Rachel Cerlen will present; for parents of kids in grades 2-5.

March 12th – Testing!

How we prepare kids for the state exams and how you can help; for parents fo kids in grades 3-5)
March 19th – Reading Notebooks
Why we use them and what we expect kids to do.

May 21st – Summer Reading
Inspiring our kids to keep reading during the summer; Lisa Jaffe and Gloria Castillo will prepare this presentation

It was decided to call them SLT Curriculum Coffees in the future

Ideas for Future Curriculum Coffees:

We will try to do a CC for incoming K and Pre-K; Doris can do the CC for incoming Pre-K

We can change up survey for each of these; and send an email blast or flyer and poster; or same CC poster every time, like a flag to remind that today is CC day? We did not decide on this.

Kristin would like help with blurbs; Kristin will post a blurb for each date on the website.

Maybe in June we can pick dates and get it into the Home Folder calendar for 2012-2013?

CCs will be video taped and posted on website (maybe with Flip and microphone);

CCs could morph into something robust enough to take the place of SLT workshops, since we are getting too big to fit the population in our school in divided groups; evening SLT workshops could then be more general.

- **Monthly Teacher Newsletters**

Teachers may send a link to website but are asked not to attach the newsletter, so parents will go to the site (remind them to go to specials pages too).

- **Books and Burritos**

Can we get the burritos donated again? Can we get all mild? Partial payment if we have to? How many? We had 140 adults—maybe 400 total;

Theme: nonfiction!

Logistics:

We can fit all adults in the auditorium and we can separate kids—need more activities; at MMC, the kids ran through the games too fast.

Put 6:15 on poster

Rachel will meet with Trina to plan presentations

- **Surveys for MMC**

Surveys all came back effective or very effective; not in Spanish, survey not in Spanish—should we translate—Let's get the offer to translate on the flyer in all the languages!

Regarding materials posted on the website: Our link to Teacher's College leads to running records—We need to fix this (a parent was using the running record to prep the child...)

- **March 20th TBA event**

What are we doing? (One parent brought up Computers and Cookies!) We will wait for another round of surveys to see what parents might want.

- **Community goals**

Literacy Outreach

Lucy reported on the first 2 sessions: Need to change to 9 AM to avoid conflicts with our kids arriving at the library; Linda was flexible with age—First session there were about 10 kids, wide age range; none were the targeted audience. The second session was a ½ day at school and there were only 4 kids, but this time the right age group. If we change the date, we now have approval to put up posters in local public housing projects.

Could we do a couple over at the housing projects and then invite them to come for further classes at PS 11? Bob has a lot of books—We can send each child home with a book!

It needs to be scheduled as a series of meetings in order to be meaningful.

If Linda needs help she could do this with staff (literacy coach, etc.)

Health and Nutrition

More kitchen troubles: The Assistant Supervisor asked why there are so few kids eating school lunch—“How can you justify having healthy school lunch?”. It would help us to get more kids eating school lunch. Ideas to achieve this:

Give school food a chance day! Flip cam ad for school lunch; Could student council do a promo? This could also help us with the kitchen staff.

Let parents know they can bring their food and also pay for salad bar.

Can we add pix of the food to the menu on the website? It's hard to get good, appetizing photos of food, but we could try.

Stickers for kids who get salad bar or try new foods?

Bob will schedule a School Lunch Day—“Try something new!”—the principals in training can work on this; or Try School Lunch Week”

School lunch crossword—“What's for lunch this week?”