

P.S. 11 William T. Harris SLT Meeting Minutes for 3/15/12

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

- **February 16, 2012 SLT Meeting Minutes approved**
- **March 20th TBA event - Architecture and Arroz con Pollo**

We need parents to bring boxes in! (Store behind auditorium); School-wide blast for boxes; ask lower grade teachers to save snack boxes on Monday and Tuesday;

Other needs: tape, blunt-nosed scissors, microphone and computer/projector

Each group will build a whole city block!

Six or seven people have said they you'll bring food; Karen bought about 600 worth of arroz con pollo last year; Look into spending \$300 at cafe Havana--how much arroz con pollo would that be? (If there's too much, well have the to go containers ready)

We have 2 people agreeing to video tape the event; We'll need a poster saying that this event will be photographed, so parents can opt-out.

Timing for event:

Lecture 6:15

Building 6:30

Food. 7:00

(SLT arrive 5:30 for set-up)

- **Icee Man**

Icee man has got to be off school property--He can be at the corner or across the street.

- **Girl facts night - March 29th**

We're not getting a lot of RSVPs yet, more third grade responses, fewer older grades, which is fine if it's going to repeat.

- **Community goals**

- **Communication Goal**

Can we make the big surface on the fence become a place for posters?
Could we get a poster box? This would help get messages across to parents who drop off/pick up at the big yard.

Bob is working on getting an electronic sign!

We have some info we can post on the website-- more resources without creating more paper.

- **Health and Nutrition Goal**

Food being wasted – Anything we can do?

WITS is loving us!

Chicken news! We are getting chickens from the Just Food City Chickens Project; we are going to have a coop! We will have eggs! We'll build to accommodate 15, but we'll start with 8.

What will the coop look like? Design competition for the dream coop?

Auction off naming rights for chickens at Spring Gala?

Food wise, the manager has made some good ordering choices, service has been good, the bread is better, there's plenty of food now, numbers of kids eating school food are getting better.

Pizza can still be soggy; Bob proposes Make Your Own Pizza-- Give the kids the pita, the sauce and the cheese, let them do it themselves; Debbie will present this idea.

- **Global K & G**

Do we want to do global K&G? Even if we don't do the postcards, we still want to do a random act of kindness for every grade.

If we print a lot, we get a bigger discount; we can print enough for 2/3 years.

We need to do a better job sharing the responses with the kids!

- **Bullying**

We would like to define K&G in upper grade language; It seems kids can't differentiate between competition and being mean; Lisa suggests some role playing: writing on index cards some of the things that are happening then acting out some of them; how do you sustain it--there needs to be a common language--then everyone is using it in every situation; teaching character, character education (there was an article about this in the Times earlier this year).

Other ideas:

UN schools have peace table, peace talks;

A boom box for outdoor recess - but there's no electricity on the roof (we can get a boom box for the yard, though);

K&G kid of the month;

Starting third grade with a different spin on K&G: common language; peace table, etc.

Next year, book of the month can be pointed in this direction.

We will ask around about bullying; Zoya will call a friend who is a developmental psychologist for ideas.

From now 'til end of year, we plan to work on project to start for September.