

SLT Meeting

1/5/16

3:30pm-5:30pm

Attendance:

Bob Bender (Principal Member)

Debbie Osborn (CBO Member)

Teachers:

Emily Donatello

Caitlyn Robison

Daniella Nusblatt

Megan Newman

Jamie Reichelt

Parents:

Anu Agrawal

Robin Broshi

Ben Caldwell

Elizabeth Devita

Tori Lyon

Kristin Sewell

Minutes:

A. Approval of December 2015 SLT Meeting Minutes.

B. **CEP:** To be reviewed in February meeting.

C. Curriculum Connection:

1. 12/9 Note-booking Curriculum Connection had low turn-out. Explore new start time for next curriculum connection
2. 1/6 Grit Curriculum Connection cancelled
3. 2/3: Importance of Play: Geared for PreK-2 parents. Focus is play during academic day. Start time 8:30 to coincide with gates opening for students to enter.
4. 3/9: Testing: Start time 8:30
5. 5/4: Student empowerment: Start time TBD

D. Science Fair

1. 1/28, Thursday 6PM 5th grade science fair
2. 1/29, Friday 9AM 3rd and 4th grade science fair

E. Community Goal Updates:**1. Safety**

- i. Tried “Remind Me’ App for teachers and after school office to notify parents of classroom events, but receiving mixed feedback. Parents have to sign up t themselves to get the reminders. Difficult to capture all parents.
- ii. Will try to position “Remind Me’ as an effective tool for parents to receive ‘safety’ and ‘emergency’ communications from the school.

2. Homework

- i. Continued discussion about homework policy. Recognized that 5th grade year is preparation for middle school so homework policy for 5th graders must stay true to this priority.
- ii. Initial feedback from classes that are offering ‘menu options’ for homework have been positive. Need to be clearer to parents about how the menu options work.
- iii. Discussed if kids are not doing homework, this needs to be addressed so a bad habit is not being fostered.
- iv. Listed out values PS11 has for priorities after-school. Purpose of this exercise is to make sure that the homework policy stays true to the overall value.
 - a) Pursue non-academic interests
 - b) Family Time
 - c) Executive Functioning: Non-academic Skills, preparing for higher education and developing study skills
 - d) Building Fluency
 - e) Play
 - f) Building Grit/Resilience: Trying something difficult
- v. Started discussing mission statement for homework policy
 - a) We believe families should decide how they spend their time outside of school hours. As a school we will provide families with opportunities for continued learning and practice.
- vi. Next meeting goal is to solidify mission statement and further discuss format for homework and menu options.

Next SLT Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 2015 3:30-5:30

Appendix:

Curriculum Connection Topics and Dates

2/3: 1 8:30 AM Wednesday: Importance of Play

3/9: 8:30AM Wednesday: Testing

5/4: Timing TBA Wednesday: Student Empowerment

Homework Discussion Timeline:

November: Broke up Research

December Meeting: Discussed Research and began discussion on forums on how we should receive feedback from parents, teachers, students

January: Further discussed PS11 values for after school hours and started drafting mission statement.

February: Solidify mission statement and ideas around menu for homework.

March/April/May: Creating plans, 'studies'