

**SLT Meeting**

3.1.16

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 February 2016 SLT Meeting Minutes.**B. **CEP:** CEP is on target.**C. Curriculum Connection:**

1. 3/9: Testing, On Target
2. 3/30: Architecture Night
  - i. 5:00 Set up, 6:15-7:30 Event
  - ii. No Video this year. Start Clean up 7:15
3. 5/4: Student empowerment: Start time TBD

**D. BookClub**

1. The book, "Quiet" has inspired many ideas for teachers and students
2. Plan is to first start with staff. Give staff "recharge time"
3. Second phase would be how to roll-out effective strategies with students
4. Discussed possibility of deeper Mindfulness study (Danielle Nusblatt practicing in her class. )

## E. Community Goals

### 1. Homework

- i. Continued discussion about homework policy
  - a) Reading will still be required
  - b) Repositioning homework: Home Optional Practice (HOP)
    - a. List of optional things that can do at home by unit
    - b. Help students plan how they can do these things (planning document) and possible contract for work
    - c. Use as opportunity to suggest specific work that would benefit a child
    - d. Possible Format: bingo based, list of resources
- ii. How to present updated homework policy to community
  - a) Present updates at upcoming PTA meetings
- iii. Implementation plan
  - a) Create a “model month” this school year
  - b) Full roll-out in September
- iv. Mission Statement:
 

PS 11 values family choice and flexibility when considering homework and student time spent outside of school. Teachers will provide families with optional activities for continued learning and practice at home. Research shows a direct correlation between time spent reading and academic development. Therefore, we encourage students to engage in daily reading at home.

Additionally some assignments will be sent home throughout the year to help maximize student learning time in the classroom. We understand the expectation for our students in middle school, therefore our 5th grade homework policy will be adjusted to prepare our students for middle school.
- iv. Next meeting further discuss format for homework and menu options, where homework plan should be decided (home or school)

### 2. Safety

1. **Newspaper:** The March edition is to include videos. Instead of adding password protection for the newspaper page, on the school website, decision was made to not include student under photographs or videos. Adding password may reduce readership.
2. **Playground** turf is complete

**Next SLT Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 2015 3:30-5:30**

Appendix:

Curriculum Connection Topics and Dates

3/9: Wednesday: Testing

5/4: Wednesday: Student Empowerment

3/30: Architecture Night

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

March: Menu options

April: Discuss new optional work format and implementation plan