

# DRAFT

**SLT Meeting****11.14.17****3:30 - 5:30****Attendance:**

Bob Bender, PS11 Principal

Debbie Osborne, Community Based Organization (CBO) representative

Carrie Beth Griffith, appointed PTA Liaison

**Teachers:**

Erica Goldstick (4th Grade Teacher)

Kelsey Petrillo (5th Grade Teacher)

Sara Jutcovich (3rd Grade Teacher)

Julianne Toce (3rd Grade Teacher)

**Parents:**

Anu Agrawal (parent, 5th Grade)

Robin Broshi (parent, 4th Grade)

Jordan Wright (parent, 1st Grade)

Rachel Schwartz (parent, 1st Grade)

**Not Present:**

Priya Baveja (parent, 4th Grade)

**Minutes:****A. Safety Update**

1. Bob opened a discussion about how to keep students, teachers and parents safe during drop off and pick up times when large crowds of people are in front of the school. The fear is that our schools could be "soft targets" much like the bike path along the Hudson River which was recently the site of a terror incident involving a car being driven into unsuspecting pedestrians.
2. Two potential solutions:  
Solution 1: Place barricades on the eastern and western ends of 21st Street to prevent cars from driving onto the sidewalk. Place barricades in front of the school between the sidewalk and the street.  
Solution 2: Place barricades on the eastern and western ends of 21st Street and get permission from the DOE to allow PS 11 faculty to park their cars in front of the school.
3. Sara agreed to draft a letter that will be sent to the mayor, city council, our local representative, officials in the DOE and other authorities that may be able to spearhead this project and get it funded and implemented. Bob will also share this letter with other schools to see if their SLT committees may want to spearhead similar efforts.

**B. Budget**

1. Bob reviewed PS 11's current budget for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Highlights included a discussion about Fair Student Funding which is funding that is non reimbursable and takes care of teachers' benefits. If Bob uses reimbursable money he is charged additional money for those teacher benefits.
3. Bob says he tries to think in terms of budgeting for two categories: "people" and "things".
4. Bob says he is able to use a lot of PTA money for "things".
5. NYSTL money can be used in the budget for books, software and hardware.
6. Bob explained how at the end of one school year he projects the number of students who will be in attendance the following year and uses that number to start working on the budget. If his projection is too high he will have to pay back money from the budget. The official number of students in the school for the year is set based on how many students are enrolled on October 31st.
7. According to the budget the intervention teachers and special programs deemed necessary to comply with the CEP are all funded. Bob will schedule a check in for January.

**C. Racial Equity**

1. Bob is a member of two city wide groups that are studying, discussing and implementing racial diversity programs in their schools.
2. In November Bob and Cassandra are starting a consultation committee with a racially diverse group of fourth and fifth graders. Bob will be working with the fourth graders, Cassandra with the fifth graders. About 12-15 students are participating.
3. This year the program is all about talking. The goal is to start a conversation about race and about how students see themselves in this school.
4. The groups will meet twice a month.
5. There is a separate group comprised of some of the student participants' parents that will also be meeting with Bob for discussions about race.
6. Jordan will try to provide some graduate students with experience in leading these types of discussions to be present at the meetings.

**I. Book Club Update:**

1. Parents have been invited to attend this year's first book club meeting on 11/28 at 9:00. The discussion will center around the introduction and the first six chapters of For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood by Christopher Edmin. A group of PS 11 teachers is reading the same book and eventually the parent group and the teacher group will meet for a discussion.

**H. Health, Nutrition and Fitness**

1. Debbie is overseeing the Garden Cafe. The after school cooking club roasted vegetables, popped popcorn and made kale dust- all from produce that came from our farm. These treats will be served during lunches on 11/15/17 to help raise awareness about eating healthy food and thinking about where our food comes from.

**F. Character/K and G/Kindness**

1. November's selection is a video called "Happiness is Helping Others".
2. The student council will be writing and delivering thank you grams.
3. Fourth graders are writing thank you notes to the Google volunteers who built a Gaga Pit on the roof. Plans are underway for them to deliver the notes in person.

**G. Potluck Update:**

1. Bob discussed the annual SLT potluck with the PTA Executive Board and a decision was made to keep the event open to the community.
2. Starting in April, ahead of the June potluck, we will send home information explaining to parents that this is a community event and they will need to be responsible for their children as if they were in any other community situation.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:30 - 5:30.**