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SLT Meeting**1.09.18****3:30 - 5:30****Attendance:**

Bob Bender, PS11 Principal

Debbie Osborne, Community Based Organization (CBO) representative

Teachers:

Erica Goldstick (4th Grade Teacher)

Kelsey Petrillo (5th Grade Teacher)

Sara Jutcovich (3rd Grade Teacher)

Julianne Toce (3rd Grade Teacher)

Dawn Rosevear (UFT liaison/ Teacher)

Parents:

Robin Broshi (parent, 4th Grade)

Jordan Wright (parent, 1st Grade)

Rachel Schwartz (parent, 1st Grade)

Carrie Beth Griffith, appointed PTA Liaison

Ron Miller (parent, 5th and 2nd grades)

Not Present:

Anu Agrawal (parent, 5th Grade)

Minutes:**A. December meeting minutes approved.****B. Welcome to new member Ron Miller****C. Gifted and Talented Program Diversity**

- Bob started a discussion about taking steps to make PS 11's G and T program more diverse. This can be accomplished through a DOE Diversity Initiative that allows schools to apply to allocate seats for students who meet certain criteria.
- Other G&T's have already been approved for the initiative: PS 77 (Lower Lab) and Brooklyn School of Inquiry
- Other District 2 schools have been approved for the initiative: PS 527, East Side Middle School, The Clinton School, PS 77 (Lower Lab), PS 3
- The SLT discussed and agreed to ask the DOE to amend the admissions criteria for PS 11's G and T program as follows: 30% of Kindergarten G and T seats would be offered to G and T eligible applicants who receive free or reduced lunch (this would be about fifteen Kindergarten seats). In 1st grade 50% of open seats would be offered to children who receive free or

reduced lunch (this would be about seven 1st grade seats). This policy would be in effect starting with applicants for the 2018-2019 academic year.

- Bob will submit this proposal to the DOE.
- The SLT will continue to discuss what this means for the community and how this policy change will be communicated to the PS 11 community.
- The SLT will take up Diversity and Equity as an umbrella initiative for the various initiatives, including enrollment, Book Club, Teacher PD, Student Advisory Group, etc.

D. Safety Workshop

- Robin reported that the Office of Emergency management offers a program for schools concerning how to prepare for an emergency.
- The children's program includes Ready Girl, a superhero who teaches communities how to be ready for an emergency.
- Robin will look into setting up a workshop to PS 11.

E. Book Club Update:

- Bob reported that the parent book group met for a discussion of the second half of Christopher Edmin's book. Most attendees had not read the book.
- Moving forward, Bob will make available for parents a series of articles about race and diversity. The hope is this might get more parents involved and serve as a conversation starter for the group.
- The teacher group working with Edmin's book still needs some time before they are ready to meet with the parent group.
- It was agreed that there should be a goal for the discussion between parents and teachers so the group doesn't end up debating the merits of the book.
- Robin reported that she is working on a way to possibly fund Border Crossers workshops for parents and teachers.

F. Racial Equity Advisory Groups

- Bob reported that the groups are going well. One group is meeting on Friday, January 18th to talk about bias.

G. Parent Engagement:

- The PTA is working on creating a Kindergarten Committee and surveying the grade to see what parents need to help create a strong community within this grade.
- The Math Club was started as an SLT enrichment approved group but Carrie will speak to the PTA about possibly taking over oversight of the group.

I. Safety Initiative Update:

- Robin sent the SLT letter requesting bollards to all our targeted representatives. She only heard back from Community Board 4. The board's next meeting is February 12th.
- News reports indicate the city has set aside funds for a \$30 million bollard initiative but it is unclear whether any of this money will go toward bollards for schools.

J. Health/Nutrition/Fitness Update:

- Debbie reported that the cafeteria has started a "share basket" where kids can leave any wrapped or packaged uneaten food in a basket and students who want more to eat during

lunch may take items from the basket. She says it is always empty by the end of the lunch periods.

K. Bus Safety Update:

- After an incident with a PS 11 student, Bob discovered that the OPT (Office of Pupil Transportation) has no policy about dropping off a child at a bus stop when no adult is there to pick him/her up. Bus drivers are not responsible for getting kids off the bus safely.
- Bob wrote a bus safety plan that PS 11 is going to implement and has been communicating with the OPT about presenting the plan to them, too.
- The new system involves the driver getting a copy of a list of every child on the bus. Every child on the bus also has a color coded lanyard which she/he will show to the driver when getting off the bus. One color on the lanyard indicates that the child is on the proper bus. Another color on the lanyard signals to the bus driver that the child is getting off at the proper stop. The bus driver will check students off the master list as they exit the bus.
- PS 11 is going to implement this system during our bus dismissal starting the second week of January and then Bob will present his findings to the OPT. The hope is OPT will take this system district wide.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:30 - 5:30.