

## **SLT MEETING MINUTES**

December 7, 2018

November minutes reviewed and approved with minor revisions.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **CEP**

- Teachers have submitted November student reading level data, which Mr. Shevell will analyze. Reading Levels are collected four times per year to monitor progress.
- Correction in third bullet point of notes from November 9, 2018 SLT Meeting: "10-11% of our student population is black, yet **30.5%** of this population is reading at a performance level 1"

#### **Grant Committee**

- Grant Committee will reach out to Trader Joe's as a possible sponsor for Healthy Lifestyles.

#### **Parent Outreach**

- Most SLT Parent Representative introduction letters have gone out to class parents.
- The PTA hosted a Class Parent meeting. Most grades had at least one class parent attend; however, Pre-K and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class parents were largely represented. The discussion included class parent responsibilities and obligations, but general fundraising questions and requests for more volunteers at events was also discussed.
- December PTA Meeting will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The guest speakers will be our new neighborhood police officers (Officer Noa and Officer Rodriguez).
- The November PTA Meeting had a great turnout. The guest speakers were Council Members Carlina Rivera and Keith Powers.

### **Diversity, Equity and Representation**

- Book Fair Sponsor Flyer Feedback
  - The teachers had mixed results. Not all classes received additional funds. Not all families who may have benefitted, replied.
  - Addressing the problem of reaching families who may benefit:
    - send a flyer/permission slip earlier in the year that includes not only a request for money to subsidize book fair and field trips (carve out 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities), but also ask whether or not any family in the class would like to make use of such funding;
    - add a note onto the school's emergency blue card which would ask whether a family was open to receiving assistance for field trips, book fair, etc.;
    - specifically, for book fairs, and in the event there is no clarity about the wishes of a specific family, a teacher could use the extra funds to purchase the desired book for the classroom
  - The PTA's Book Fair was successful and looked great, including the "Need a Book? Take a Book!" table. The new book fair vendor is Scholastic;
  - How do teachers use extra money; pool it?
- Donations
  - 92Y Donated 60 backpacks complete with socks, scarves, notebooks and folders;
  - In addition, the school has more new coats to distribute;
  - To distribute most fairly and thoughtfully, we discussed opening a lottery to the entire school community, while stressing that the items were donated for families who are in need;

- The free visual arts after-school program grant from the 92Y via Council Member Carlina Rivera has been very successful. Chantel Martin gave students a mini “TED Talk” during a recent performance at 92Y.

#### **Specialty Classes**

- K/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent requested that more information about the specialty curriculums (especially Science) and class work be disseminated to parents. We discussed investigating using Class Dojo/Remind/Class Tag to distribute class/curriculum information to parents.

#### **Other Business**

- Our school's Colors of the Rainbow ballroom dance team has advanced to the semi-finals, which will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Finals will be December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Open House date for incoming Pre-K and K families has been moved to January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- In response to parents concerned about the structure of 6<sup>th</sup> period recess (2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes), Administration has decided to rotate 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes throughout the year so that recess 2/3 of the year will be shared with another 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.
- Meera suggested we create a Middle School Fair for P.S. 116 parents to assist them in decision-making prior to the application process. P.S. 116 alumni may participate as well.