



# THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)

Ms. Jodi Hyde, Principal

Nicole Chandonnet, Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES

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Minutes March 8, 2023

In Attendance:

Jodi Hyde, Principal

Mike Fox, substitute UFT Chapter Leader

Amanda Gelber, PTA president representative

Emily Polokoff, Teacher Representative

Lyndsey Yackel, Teacher Representative

Faith Tamisi, Teacher Representative

Ursila Jung, 6-8 Parent Representative

Caroline Werner, 5-8 Parent Representative At-Large

Christina Kang, K-4 Parent Representative At-Large

Jennifer Becker, K-2 Parent Representative

Jennifer Thaler, PTA President Designee to the SLT

Rafiq Arfin, Student Council President

2:55 pm Start time

### 1. Student Council Report -

- School is observing civics week and taking part in participatory budgeting. They have \$2700 allocated by the city and can decide how to spend it.
- Under consideration for the above are: class pets, gym equipment for the yard and a garden project. (Parents will be surveyed before decisions can be made on class pets) –
- Student council is doing PSA posters
- School is participating in “Change for Change” to collect small change for charity and classes will compete with each other to see who collects the most within a 1-week window.
- Proposed language exchange program with the Dual Language school had a setback due to the absence of Ms Mejia and will be revisited.

- Money collected at student dance has not been distributed, but decisions will be made collectively.

## 2. New Business:

- High school results will be out this week
- Contract has been signed with Writopia for 5th and 6th grade workshops. Each class will have 12 sessions each on social justice writing (2) and playwriting (10).
- The Chef will be in again with the students and making glazed carrots
- Ballroom dance is restarting for the 8th graders in the 2nd week of March
- Chess program continues to outshine itself at City, State and National level
- Chess team will present at next PTA meeting
- There is new Soap Box Speech Program run through Anderson Activists which teaches public speaking
- Movie Night might be brought back. Fixing screen/ projector is very expensive, so might do it at a neighboring school. School is looking at Clear Touch View Video wall at \$80,000.
- Location has been secured for Field Day. There are days in June and Sept that have been set. Sept is a beginning-of-year event
- Musical to take place March 8 weekend.
- 8th graders will do the Family History Project again

## 4. UFT

- Mr. Fox reported that UFT is still in contract negotiations.

## 5. Parent/Teacher Reports

- 6th grade behavior issues have been taken to CEC and Superintendents office. Parents will be informed as needed about remedial measures.
- Food allergies & safety measures in the cafeteria for grades 3-5. Adult supervision is always present. If kids have airborne allergies they are kept separate from others to minimize dangers.
- There is an allergy sub-committee at the school that is open to all.
- Epi pens are in class and in the Nurse's office.
- Spirit week has been moved back to Fall
- Schoology – for grades 5-8 teachers should be informed about the use of the calendar to keep abreast of other work that students have. This is also helpful to parents. Planner use alone, while good for students, does not always inform parents.
- Pedagogy of math competitions was brought up, and they are held because this is part of the Anderson Ethos and tradition and most students (and families) have always enjoyed them.

- Shout out to Ms. Anna Goebel for running a stellar music program and going above and beyond in spreading the love of music and igniting a passion for learning.

## 6. Schoolwide Updates

- Monthly Newsletters will go out from classroom teach
- Girls Bathroom - Principal Hyde is contacting after school programs about continuing support during non-school supervised hours
- Writopia for 5th and 6th graders after the state test; Teachers' College Curriculum will continue to be used
- Lunch Lines - Times have shortened
- Learning leaders will begin to come inside
- Enrichment Clusters invite parents to see final products
- Various trips scheduled
- Spirit Week Leading up to February break
- Student Council Respect For All week (March 6th - 10th)
- Grades Close February 17th - Report Cards go out March 13th
- Screen in the Auditorium and risers in gym need replacement
- New Lockers, possibility of lockers shifting to the classroom instead of hallways in the future
- Field Day being considered
- Discussions around school garden
- Schoology: Anna Crenovich hosting Zoom meetings to help parents
- 1st Marking period will be added to Schoology
- No grades will be weighted; Conversation with middle school teachers in regard to extra credit and proof of mastery in a topic.
- SLT - Recognizes and mourns the loss of substitute teacher Paul Ross.
- Winter concerts are praised for their success and wonderful effort.
- Storybook character day will remain on World Book day in April.

4:31 pm - Meeting Adjourned