

SLT Minutes
Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 - 7:30 a.m.
School Library

Members: Erica Drew, Heidi Bookman, Jill Gandel, Eileen Fallon, Heather Volik, Rohi Pandya, Vanessa Samuels, Megan Nyhan

Guests: Robert Grant, Barrett Braithwaite, Alison Koziel, Gary Wong,

I. Call to order at 7:40

Gloria dropping off SLT. Need a para rep to replace her. Admin will poll other paras to find a replacement.

Request to change next meeting date from Oct 31 to the 24th. Tentatively holding Oct 24 and checking Principal's and school calendar to make sure it's okay and then will confirm with all members.

II. Review of Minutes: Need to change Vanessa Grant to Vanessa Samuels in Section 3. With that change, Eileen Fallon moved to approve. Erica Drew seconded.

III. SLT still needs to review and finalize by-laws. We're tabling that until Rachel Meltzer is present at the next meeting.

IV. Budget presentation from Ally Koziel:

School funding is based on projected number of students. Because of student withdrawals / transfers and differences in DOE projections, ~ \$200,000 will be deducted from the allocated budget for PS10 (K280's budget is not included in this number).

When the budget was created, DOE projected 971 students. They're now anticipating our number will be 946 students. Oct 31 is the date the DOE closes the budget numbers.

Of the 200k loss, \$102,120 is the per student cost (25 students @ 4084.80)

The remaining loss is \$103,514, which is their projection of special needs and ENL services that won't be needed.

The question was raised about new maternity leave policy for teachers. It was noted that UFT comes off payroll for maternity leave. The school gets reimbursed for that money to pay for substitute teachers.

It seems that the DOE is making major adjustments to budgets across the board for all schools. D15 CEC is surveying schools about budget numbers and caps – we will follow up to see what they will do with this information.

It was noted that children who have services mandated in their IEP will not be affected. Children will receive the services they are entitled to.

V. Title I Discussion

Deadline for reporting the of allocation funds is approaching. Jane sets up required Title I parent meeting and has it planned for October 10. From that meeting she will survey the parent body for ideas on parent workshops and fund with Title I money.

PS10 gets 600k in Title I funds for the school. Of that ~6k is allocated strictly for parent involvement. We annually purchase the auto call system for \$1544 with part of that money. The remaining amount will be used for parent workshops.

Suggestions from the SLT Group:

- *Repeat of the Sex Ed presentation from last year and/or including the topic of talking about consent with your child.

- *ELL parent workshop on math. It was noted that Math Coach Ms. Abodeely will be hosting one for the school this year so might not need to fall under Title I category.

- *How to have difficult conversations between parents & teachers.

VI. Other Matters & Concerns:

- Building on the last Title I suggestion, having a one-pager on what to do if you are having a problem at school (i.e. Go to teacher first. If can't resolve with teacher, go to ?) Many parents seem to be bypassing the teacher from the beginning, and in some cases, bypassing the administration altogether as well. Families should be encouraged to try to resolve matters with the teachers first and then know who to go to if it needs to escalate.

- Diversity Committee is planning on having volunteer in lobby on Wednesdays with interpreters who can help ELL families find answers to their questions.

- It was noted that many of these things being discussed fall under the Parent Coordinator's job description. The PC's function is to help parents navigate in the school. Megan Nyhan will add Maddy Seide to the Konstella SLT group so she can see what's discussed in the meetings.

- There was a suggestion for a bulletin board that has SLT minutes and dates, messages from Parent Coordinator, list of names for who to go to for Konstella issues, translation services, etc. Info should go out in Paper notice, on Konstella and on the new website as well.

- It was noted that having translated flyers regarding things like allergies and trip shirts – should be translated in multiple languages for teachers to have access to at the beginning of the year.
- PTA is revising the Parent Handbook and translating into multiple languages. Should be ready soon.
- Giovanni Oramas & Gary Wong had a successful middle school meeting last night. Parents' questions were minimal because they covered so much and it seems parents walked away with all they needed.
- New librarian starting on Monday
- Gary Wong has confirmed a Frost Valley Trip for 5th graders. Proposed dates are May 6-8. It was noted that those cross the make-up days for the state test and to make sure this will not cause problems.
- Save the Date for the C30 Process – Oct 29th.
- Afternoon Dismissal – There is an issue with parents not returning the yellow outside vendor pick up forms. Parents are also calling the office and teachers for last-minute pick-up requests for people not on blue cards. Parents should include as many people on to put as many on blue cards to ensure no issues at dismissal. The transition of 5th graders being released on 17th St has greatly relieved congestion on the Prospect Ave side. Adjustments are still being made (i.e.. Permission for 5th graders to self-release to get to the schoolyard to meet parents when there is a younger sibling).
- K280 kids are happy, parents are happy – working on a Facebook page by parents.
- Cynthia stepped down from PTA co-Pres. Will remain on the board as a parent liaison. It is unclear if someone will replace her as co-President.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30am