SLT Minutes Wednesday, October 24th, 2018 - 7:30 a.m. School Library

Members: Heidi Bookman, Erica Drew, Eileen Fallon, Jill Gandel, Rachel Meltzer, Megan Nyhan, Rohi Pandya, Giuliana Reitzfeld, Johanna Schiller, Heather Volik and Laura Scott.

Guests: Ann Marie Anderson, Kelli Hardiman, Gerard Langton, Robert Grant, Alison Koziel, Gary Wong and Barett Braithwaite.

(1) Call to order: meeting called to order at 7:40am.

(2) Review and approval of minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

(3) Membership

-Welcome Gerard as the new para representative.

(4) Housekeeping

-Next meeting is 11/14;

-Frost Valley dates have been changed to: 5/13-5/15

-The new librarian won't start until January; library is now run by para, who is doing great job

-He will need support to run book fair (11/9-11/19).

-A letter went out to convey protocol to parents about communicating with teachers and admin.

-Suggestion: make a flyer at the beginning of the school year to tell parents what process to use to air concerns, i.e. teacher first (maybe put info in the parent handbook).

(5) Title I

-There will be another round of the sex ed talk for parents (separate for lower and upper grades);

-There will be a kids workshop for grades 4 and 5 (with parental consent);

-Other workshop suggestions:

1. screen time boundaries

2. gender identities

3. mindfulness

4. math night

5. growth mindset

6. family financial literacy

7. how to advocate for your child

-Jane will send out a survey to see which topics are preferred;

-It was confirmed: the robo call will be done in Spanish as well.

(6) Recess

-The biggest concern is inclement weather days and what to do with the kids; -A survey was sent out to get feedback from parents on how they would feel about movies and other suggestions on what to do;

- Laura will meet with Recess Committee to think of ideas

-Erica will be the teacher liaison and will help to get school aides looped in.

-Suggestions: use space differently in school, i.e. clean out lost and found, use gym or library, use free tables in cafeteria to play games.

-Should Kids in the Game be scaled back if they are not running indoor activities during inclement weather?

-Administration and PTA will work on communication about recess issues.

(9) Meeting adjourned.