

SLT Meeting 6/15/2017

Minutes

Present:

Charlotte Arboleda
Liz Campbell
AJ Cermak
Jill Gabin
Laura Goldenberg
Meg Ocampo
Nate O'Reilly
Scott Parker
Beate Sissenich

Guests: Cara Biggane (new member 2017-19), David Kerievsky (new member 2017-19), Adam Javidi

Absent:

Alexis Freeman

Call to order: Laura Goldenberg called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of 5/18 were approved with two changes: Jill Gabin was listed as absent and a sentence under the PTA President's Report was corrected to read as follows: "Budget: budget committee approved a budget with the \$150k for cluster teachers, but this budget was revised by the Exec Board to approve only .5 position plus 2 TAs (\$75,000)."

PTA President's Report (Liz Cambell):

- All executive board positions have been filled for next year; roughly half are people who have never been on the board and/or rising first-grade parents.
- SLT positions filled: David Kerievsky, Karen Dahl.
- PTA: Budget: General PTA on 6/20 will vote on new proposal, \$80K for cluster position.
- PTA picnic tonight, starting at 4:30pm.

Principal's Report (Scott Parker):

- Science state test has been completed by fourth-graders (performance portion in small groups, written portion).

- New science standards have been published; will take 2 years to implement, presently awaiting implementation guidelines from DOE. Next year, will be training the teachers on the new standards.
- Diversity pilot: part of PROSE application, included this year. Can allocate seats left over after zoned students have been admitted, prioritizing diversity. Difficult to operationalize diversity variables, need legal clearance about personally identifiable information that can be used for discrimination.
- Hiring committee has been interviewing candidates; 2 teaching positions and 1 secretary hired.
- Leadership: PS452 designated a Rewards school, one out of 5 in D3. Adequate progress in all testing groups; no significant gaps, e.g. for students with IEPs.
- Community ties: Council Member Rosenthal's office has signaled funding will be granted for PS452, notably \$300K for cafeteria renovation, \$15k for Wellness in the Schools, \$12.5k enrichment, \$5k for beautification (painting etc.).
- Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal is granting \$5k for books.
- Leadership: All six middle school admissions appeals were granted.
- Question from Ms. Arboleda: Will food at the new site be cooked onsite or brought in and assembled? Wellness in the Schools helps the manager order better produce; all lunch is to some degree already prepared and only warmed/assembled onsite. WITS can entail the alternative DOE menu.

Teachers' Report:

Ms. Arboleda reported:

- Measurement of Student Learning completed; report cards are being finished; final session on G&R Inclusive Practice for special education teachers.
- End of year events: park visits, field day, track meet, etc.
- Session time: 8:40am to 3:16pm awaiting approval from DOE, approved by staff and Legal, except on Thursdays, parent engagement time at 8am. The time is the result of teacher PD during school day rather than afterward; for students this means differentiation and support activities. Liz Campbell pointed out that many parents are concerned about conflicts with after-school activities. Mr. Parker responded that realistically, the window for dismissal will likely be before 3:16pm. The precise time windows will be communicated when the session time has been approved.
- Laura Goldenberg asked about mandated days vs mandated hours: Mr. Parker explained that there is a 180 days mandate/year; under the new session time, students will get 80 minutes per week in extra instructional time. This will give time for enrichment such as chess, Lincoln Center, Google coding, i.e. activities not mandated by the state. NYC contractual mandate: 6h20min teacher-student time per day.

CEP Goals Review (entire SLT):

- Proposed changes for each CEP section in need of updating (5A through 5E) were reviewed by the group with a focus on measurable goals.
- For any section using school survey results from 2015-16, new results will be inserted when they become available in September.

- By 6/21, revised drafts should be entered into the DOE user interface; DOE wants drafts by 6/30; revisions will be handled in September/October.

Budget update (Scott Parker):

- Mr. Parker shared two documents. The projected budget for 2017-18 is \$3.5m in 2017-18, representing an increase of approximately \$110k over last year.
- The budget is based on projected enrollment, assuming usual churn rates rather than added churn due to the relocation.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Foreign Language: Laura Goldenberg noted that there were no updates on foreign language, as a PTA budget decision on a cluster position for a teacher was still pending.
- STEM: Beate Sissenich reported that a meeting was held on 6/14, during which Lauren Monchik gave a presentation on best practices of science space use around the city. The subcommittee also discussed the merits of cluster teachers vs classroom teachers.

Safety (Scott Parker):

All drills have been completed.

Old Business:

Jill Gabin asked whether the SLT still favors 150K for 2 cluster teachers and whether the Principal's budget would still need PTA support if we wanted >1 cluster teachers. Mr. Parker responded that his budget can afford 1 cluster teacher. The SLT confirmed that its goal is still to bring in a Spanish teacher. Details of financing still in the works, depending on candidates.

Agenda for next meeting:

In addition to the usual sections, there will be a review/discussion of SLT bylaws, roles and responsibilities. The first meeting of the new school year will be on September 28, 2017, at 4 pm. Laura shared proposed dates for the rest of 2017-18 meetings, to be confirmed in September.

Adjournment: 6:10 pm.