

PS 452 SLT

Thursday, November 19, 2015

4:38 – meeting began

Attendance:

All regular SLT members were in attendance

October Minutes: Approved

PTA Report: Liz Campbell

1. October Events: Halloween Party, Fall Fair = fun and exceeded expectations
2. Pledge drive push before Thanksgiving
3. PTA Holiday Party - December 15/16
4. ReZone – off the table, 452 still may be affected since we are under enrolled, we may get some 199 overflow. We may still get some of the 199 waitlist but we would ask for a three year right to return revocation.

Teacher Report: Mathematics, Becky Gartman and Meg Ocampo

- Understanding Base Ten System in Kindergarten thru 5
- AJ will post this online so it is available for other parents

Principal Report:

Schools Quality Snapshot-

- first year of this document
- DOE created for parents but still needs some explaining
- based on The Framework for Great Schools
- similar breakdown of the test scores as provided by the DOE
- provided comparable schools
- created using info from learning environment survey and quality review

Open school week – lots of activities were planned

Lower grade conferences completed

Some upper grade conferences are still being conducted

School secretary retired – early retirement with retroactive approval. We have hired someone to do payroll offsite. Sharon and AJ are keeping us together. It helps us with our deficit but we must still search for a secretary.

Frost Valley – amazing, need to reteach some cooperative skills we learned there, lots of bonding, not enough mixing it up.

Middle School Applications– in process, Sharon is on top of it

Rezoning – Sarah has called me, zoning is not the answer, we can not predict housing trends DOE need to do a better job at enrollment, they offer 452 too late to families, it should be after G&T process

Sub- Committee Updates:

Community Building

Stone Soup – Tonight

Next meeting is Nov. 30th to plan the next event. Request for what other events are going on this year. Is there a way to tie in events with curriculum or with what is happening with families? Liz will email a PTA event calendar.

We also have some ideas like tying it into culminations. Is there an overarching school focus?

Foreign Language – Laura Goldenberg

- Laura has been researching articles re the topic.
- Reached out to local educators in and outside of the city
- The SLT from 199 did a sub-committee and she is getting their intelligence
- There are proven benefits of value beyond the words that show in children
- Can take many forms
- FLES model 10 to 20 percent of the school week
- Focus on culture acquisition and communication, a little language instruction is not enough
- Scott: experts say immersion is the best and we can come to consensus then maybe we want to consider a dual language program. It may solve some of our enrolment concerns and increase our diversity.
- We can also have a plan B that is less intensive. For example, 3 gen.ed.classes on a grade – one with ICT, one dual language, and one regular.

Old Business:

Email update – all is quiet on the email front

SLT FAQ page –Meg Ocampo

Revamp the SLT page with coding, searchable, and with links to past minutes

New Business:

Media safety speaker: December 9th, Michelle Lipkin

The impact of media on children and parenting, navigating the new media outlets, fellow parent, for parents only, PTA will cover the cost of childcare. Draft of flyer,

Safety Update:

Safety Drills:

- One more lockdown due
- 8 evacuation fire drills, 4 more in the spring
- staff id cards are in effect
- What procedures in place for emergency events like those in Paris? same as we have always done. We call it a fire drill but it is an emergency evacuation drill. Same procedures we have practiced. We will send a blurb to families re how to talk to kids about these types of events
- How does the parent body know if there was a threat or evacuation or emergency?
- Robocall, news, we bring class lists and blue cards - Neatness issue on blue cards

Crossing guard has made a nice difference – 77th and Columbus

Set Agenda: Arts Program – 12/17/15

Next Meeting : December 17th at 4 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm

