

SLT Meeting 9/15/2016

Minutes

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

Selection of roles:

Chair: Jill Gabin to take over mid-year from Laura Goldenberg

Secretary: Beate Sissenich

Financial Liaison: AJ Cermak

Time Keeper: AJ Cermak

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

- Elissa's name with two s's
- Remove italics from first part
- Correct spelling of Gemdjian
- On financial section: "SLT view of budget was reviewed."
- Collectively revised notes on discussion about stakeholder meeting to focus on factual statements about what was DONE, not what was SAID, at the SLT meeting.
- The SLT decided that for the next few months, draft minutes of SLT meetings would be circulated in hard copy until they have been approved. The purpose is to avoid disseminating unapproved minutes outside of the SLT.

SLT roles:

The team briefly reviewed SLT roles.

PTA report:

PTA president Liz Campbell reviewed recent and upcoming events. She noted that a second person was appointed for Community Affairs to help handle CEC meetings and activities.

Principal's Report:

- Mary Chiarella hired as new 4th grade teacher, Scott and Charlotte have both worked with her before, very experienced, esp in literacy instruction. Room 221.
- Fully staffed.
- 100 % of teachers rated as effective or highly effective. Adam rated satisfactory (different scale) and Scott as highly effective.
- PS452 has been approved as a Progressive Redesign Opportunity School of Excellence (PROSE), validating some procedures that have already been in effect. More flexibility. Approved that last 2 days of school can be used as clerical days, i.e. 6/22-23, depending on weather during the school year—will be communicated by school administration. Teachers will have opportunity to vote on a different observation schedule.

- 4 contractual conferences: 1. Open school night (meet the teacher) (9/22); 2. Report cards: 2 cards, 2 progress reports.
- Testing: PS 452 is not a “rewards school”, but in good standing. Too many opt-outs in 2016, but scores were high. Progress in all areas. 5th place among zoned schools.

CEP Revisions

Deadline for finalizing the Comprehensive Education Plan: 9/30. Responsibilities for revisions were assigned. Scott requested that revisions be sent to him by email no later than 9/23.

Sub-Committee Updates:

- Community Building: AJ acting as liaison; 9/22 meeting.
- Foreign language: scheduling first meeting.
- STEM: brief kick-off meeting 9/16, then broader invites for subsequent meetings.

District 3 CEC Updates:

- **Middle school diversity:** CEC is considering Title 1 targets, whereby schools would be required to admit students of lower socioeconomic status to fill 30% of their seats. This proposal was taken off the table for this year due to continued discussion. Note that a 20% allocation of seats at each school for IEP students has been in effect since AY 2015-16.
- **Zoning:** New proposal to be revealed on 9/28; keep 452 at O’Shea, rezone entire district. Sept-Oct presentation of proposals and opportunity for commentary; Oct/Nov CEC votes on one proposal that was identified.

Email account:

Update from AJ—one email came in over the summer.

Safety:

- Scott reviewed **drill procedures** and required number of drills. He briefed the SLT on an incident 9/14 after dismissal and the measures taken to keep the school safe.
- **Lead in water:** William raised concerns about lead testing in NYC schools, noting that an NYT article 8/31 claimed that the city schools tamper with the water tests; at 9/14 CEC3 meeting, a city official clarified that the alleged pre-stagnation flushing does not actually take place. William committed to investigating with custodial engineer Frank whether retesting is an option for PS452.

Meeting dates for future SLT meetings and agenda for 10/13 were finalized.

Adjournment:

5:25 pm.