



SLT MINUTES

JANUARY 21ST, 2016

1. **Call to Order** - 4:06 pm
absent : Becky Gartman and Melissa Birnbaum
2. **Agenda Building** - nothing additional
3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes** - minutes approved
4. **PTA Report**
 - a. next PTA Meeting on January 26
 - b. Winter Carnival - Spring Lake Day Camp sponsored, about \$2000 profit
 - c. Pledge Drive at 32% of children, 64% of dollar goal
 - d. Wine Tasting - 1 of our parent caters, another parent donates wine for the event
 - e. Budget Comm. meeting Friday Feb 5th
5. **Teachers Report** – Evaluations & Assessments
 - a. see the chart or data
 - b. How is homework used as an assessment?
 - c. Formal vs. informal assessments, formative and summative assessment, what is that?
6. **Principal's Report**
 - a. 7 teachers nominated for Big Apple awards, nice to see such great response
 - b. new report card format arrives too late for the 5th graders who are already on the way to middle school interviews, coming home beginning of February
 - c. conferences a month later - Mid March
 - d. Middle School Choice Process - all interview schools have communicated with families
 - e. g and t testing: k - 2 done, will notify families earlier this year



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- f. diagnostic testing done in 3 - 5 for state tests, will form groups for “test prep” study, 4th grade will have 10 after school sessions in targeted groups since middle schools look at 4th grade test data. We have ordered materials for in school, after school test prep and booklets to go home to develop areas of need.
- g. Professional Development - We just had social studies for grades 3 - 5, math for kindergarten and a multi grade unit. We had our 2nd RULER meeting, March RULER presentation during the PTA meeting in February
- h. D3 Spelling BEE for 3 - 5 graders

7. Sub-Committee Updates

- a. **Community Building Committee** - event for Feb. 10th, scooter rally, staff, parents, and students, Nate and Adam will referee, like water polo on wheels, inclusive ,in conjunction with a book about perseverance. The books are the Michael Jordan biography for K-2 and Ruby’s Wish for the upper grades. Be sure to have Sharon email the details. There is a thought for an event in May, Broadway Night - May 19th, no food, nothing sold, like a talent show.
- b. **Foreign Language Instruction Committee:** A four person team now, we have met two times and have divided up to different programs for reaching out. Also reached out to cultural organizations. Three types of second language instruction: immersion, fles, and cultural enrichment type. Initial findings show that immersion is the best, fles is second. Content based instruction is optimal. Fles is 2 or 3 times per week. gathering info including costs, we are not ready for meaningful language instruction for September 2016, but maybe a cultural program can be put in place.

8. Old Business



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- a. **Email Account Update** - 2 emails - coding and bullying
 - b. **SLT Issue FAQ Page** - AJ still working on this, going to have something up within the next 4 weeks.
- 9. New Business**
- a. 5th Grade Graduation Plans - PS 9 auditorium, late afternoon, air-conditioned, no food, certificate for students, simple., what supplies are needed? fifth grade end of year festivities, yearbook, ice cream social, t-shirts, dress code for graduation day?
 - b. DLT Liaison - Ilene Atschul, our liaison from the DLT . Next month we will pull ideas/questions for planning meeting when she is here.
- 10. Safety:** There will be a safety meeting Town Hall in March or April. We will send it out to families with ample notice.
- 11. Set Agenda for February Meeting** - Teacher Report - new topic by Feb. 10th, or if nothing, working on combining the work Meg and Charlotte have already done. Foreign Language Committee will present, somewhat informally.
- 12. Adjournment** at 5:25 pm

Welcome Non-SLT Members

Thank you for attending this SLT meeting. We appreciate your interest in the PS 452 school community.

If you have submitted in writing a proposal for an SLT issue to be included on the agenda, we will address it during the meeting.

If you have a question or comment during the meeting on other agenda items not submitted in writing in advance of the team meeting, please feel free after the meeting to email "ps452slt@gmail.com" and the SLT will respond at a later time.

Please note that our bylaws state that unless a proposal has been submitted in writing in advance of the meeting all non-SLT members are considered observers and must remain silent during the team meetings.