

MINUTES
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017 AT 4:35PM IN ROOM 412

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.

In Attendance: Max Alvarez, Emma Balmuth-Loris, Rachelle King, Pam Korson, Debra Mastriano, Deborah Middleton, Julie Norwell, Nina Roosevelt-Collmer, Iuliia Stozub, and Rachel Polimeni.

Absent: Catherine Box, Eileen Mishanie-Goldberg. (Ms. King departed at 4:45pm. Ms. Balmuth-Loris left at 5:22pm.)

II. Approval of Minutes

Two small edits were made to the minutes of the School Leadership Team Meeting held on February 28th. MOTION to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. CEP Goals

Ms. Balmuth-Loris and Ms. Stozub launched the discussion by identifying some necessary edits to the CEP goals. After a brief discussion about these edits with the group, Ms. Balmuth-Loris and Ms. Stozub reported on the status of some of the goals:

- Goal 1 (Rigorous Instruction) involves an inquiry of reading for this year, for which two cycles have been completed so far. The inquiry has produced a lot of data on students and has been very useful in identifying gaps in learning. Overall, the teachers report a significant growth in students.
- Goal 3 (Collaborative Teachers) highlights math as the focus of this goal. Ms. Balmuth-Loris and Ms. Stozub reported that all teachers have collected, analyzed and acted on the data in cooperation with their fellow teachers.
- Ms. Stozub updated the group on the status of Goal 2 (Supportive Environment), which was discussed at length in the previous SLT meeting, and said she planned to make a presentation for parents to help them understand what the three anchor charts are that children are using to manage their social-emotional well-being. She added that the goal of implementing RULER protocol in all classrooms has been achieved.

IV. Website Update

Mr. Alvarez reported that while there is a lot of information on the school website, it is not necessarily intuitive. Hence, a re-design is warranted. Some parents are

volunteering to re-do it, including the graphic design and the back-end architecture. What is needed now is a thoughtful re-visioning of what the website should look like.

Ms. Roosevelt-Collmer reported that she met with Deborah Markewich to solicit her ideas about how to make it easier for people to find what they need on the website and invited the group to suggest ideas. A lengthy discussion ensued about various ways to make the project a success.

V. Homework

Ms. Norwell asked Ms. Mastriano and the teachers amongst the group to identify the standards and the goals of homework at school. Ms. Mastriano said that that a meeting on the part of the staff about homework would be useful before the issue was fully taken up by the SLT. It was decided to shelve the topic until the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Norwell
Co-Recording Secretary