

PS261 SLT Meeting Minutes 9/18/15

In attendance:

- Principal/AP: Zipporah Mills
- Teachers: Jamie Pandolf, Kristin Taylor
- Teacher Observers: Catherine Pacilio
- PTA Rep: Nora McCauley
- Parents: Cindy Lobel
- Parent Observers: Kate Hazel-Busch, Amy Huggans, Wayne Isaak, Kathleen Mulholland, Rachel Porter

1. Cindy Lobel called the meeting to order at 7:40 am.
2. Introductions, including prospective parent and teacher representatives
3. Elections
 - a. Teacher elections will be held before the next meeting takes place on October 2
 - b. 5 teachers are running for 3 positions
 - c. parent elections are supposed to occur at the first PTA meeting but that is not scheduled until October 30
 - d. October 6th volunteer meeting proposed (and approved) as an election meeting
 - e. Heather Weston (new parent coordinator) will work with Cindy Lobel to send nominating forms out in backpacks and email blast to parents in preparation for October 6 election
3. What does the SLT look like? (Principal Mills responded to question from prospective parent member Wayne Isaak)
 - a. CEP lists five goals for instruction, based on data
 - b. Social / emotional goal easier for parents to participate
 - c. SLT decides how to implement the goals
 - d. SLT aligns budget to the CEP
4. CEP – Goals and Data (Principal Mills)
 - a. Test scores: ELA second highest growth in the city. This will have an effect on goals.
 - b. Last year \$68,000 priority focus money needed to be aligned. \$40K was spent on Investigations (math curriculum), which teachers weren't using
 - c. One goal is to move from Investigations to Engage NY (\$26K)
 - d. Another goal: 80-90% of second graders on grade level in Reading, Writing, Math

- e. Some priority focus money goes to Joy (librarian) who will focus on second-grade literacy
- f. 261 data helps generalize data and reflects school-wide growth

5. Discussion of Responsive Classroom Training

- a. They only offer full-day workshops
- b. The only full day is Chancellors' Day in June
- c. Suggestion to offer something this school year, plus Responsive Classroom Training in June (on Chancellors' Day) in preparation for 2016/17 school year.
- d. Also a discussion of continuing the Puberty Workshop

6. Action Items

- a. Election ballots to go out
- b. Survey to see what parent body is interested in seeing from the SLT this academic year. Possibly to distribute on October 6. We also discussed the possibility of canvassing parents at pick-up (both general dismissal and afterschool).

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 am.