

PS261 SLT Meeting Minutes 10/2/15

In attendance:

- Principal/AP: Zipporah Mills
- Teachers: Jamie Pandolf, Kristin Taylor, Susannah Weiss, Jodie Park
- PTA Rep: Sashy Bogdanovich
- Parents: Cindy Lobel
- Parent Observers: Kate Hazel-Busch, Amy Huggans, Kathleen Mulholland, Hilary Verni

1. Cindy Lobel called the meeting to order at 7:40 am.
2. Introductions
3. Elections
 - a. Kristin Taylor and Susie Weiss voted into staff spots
 - b. 3 nominations have been received so far for parents
 - i. Robocall will go out to remind people about SLT vote
 - ii. Fall Fest meeting will host election at 8:30 am
 - iii. Voting will take place in the front of the school from 8 am until 8:30 am
 - iv. In the future, SLT elections will be held at the end of the school year. One seat will be left open for incoming parents
4. Communications
 - a. Aryn, Alex and Jodie are making a structured gmail account for the staff.
 - b. Heather is taking over the website but it is a work in progress.
5. CEP – Goals and Data (Principal Mills)
 - a. Zipp will send us the CEP electronically
 - b. Joy is working with 2nd grade to hook them up with online reading. We discussed the possibility of providing ipads to children with no access?
 - c. Metropolitan Museum of Art working with Rita (Arabic) to bring in art to the upper grades
 - d. Music – in the works
 - i. Harlem school of the Arts for 1 x a week
 - ii. Junior / senior band
 - iii. Partner with afterschool?
 - iv. Guitar ensemble?
 - v. Carnegie Hall for 3rd graders
5. Parent Survey
 - a. To be generated after parent members are elected

6. Enrollment

- a. Anyone who wanted to come was enrolled
- b. Kindergarten classes have about 25 students
- c. 4th and 5th grade classes were collapsed, partly because enrollment declined but also because of staffing issues.
- d. 765 students (projection was 755)
- e. We were shorted a lot of cash last year because of lower enrollment but we are getting some money back this year.
- f. Could we have another pre-K? But where would we put them? If we collapse a K, we lose that funding
- g. The issue of re-zoning came up, which could possibly affect us in the future. SLT should become familiar with the situation / politics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 am

7. 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).

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