

PS261 SLT Meeting Minutes 11/3/17

In attendance:

- Principal Allen, AP Alex Messer
- Teachers: Jamie Gifkins, Stephanie Scarborough, Lindsey Sproul, Khadija Algamoos
- PTA Representative: Nora McCauley
- Parent Coordinator: Heather Weston
- Parents: Maud Abeel, Tanya Friedman, Wayne Isaak, Scott Jackson, Cindy Lobel, Kathleen Mulholland
- Nancy Sinatra

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 – prior minutes approved
2. Cindy checked and advised that we are still out of compliance. We need another teacher representative since we lost Kristen. Jamie is going to recruit another teacher for SLT.
3. AP Messer gave a great presentation regarding the math curriculum relating to the program that the kids are currently using and upcoming workshops
 - Principal Allen advised that the workshops are important because our CEP goals include quite a bit about the math program and how to make it more comfortable for everyone
 - There will be different workshops for each grade
 - Math today looks very different than what many parents learned
 - The workshops are to help the parents effectively help the kids at home
 - We were given a sample problem and AP Messer showed a video of the problem solving technique using the tape diagram
 - It was discussed that the terminology being used today was different than what many parents used – AP Messer suggests that the parents be provided a glossary as part of the workshops
 - There was also a discussion regarding communicating to the parents what the expectations are with regard to homework – Principal Allen agreed that this should be communicated to parents and staff will consider creating a more uniform system for the amount and type of homework given
 - We need to publicize workshops – emails, flyers, website
 - The workshops may be videoed and put on website
 - Heather may do an Eventbrite with an RSVP
 - There will also be a translation for Spanish and Arabic
 - The workshops will not be a one-time thing; they will be an ongoing process
 - Discussion was that math would start to be incorporated into Families as Learning Partners

4. SLT Officers

- Cindy and Wayne will be Co-Chairs
- Kathleen will be Secretary
- No one was elected as Reporting Secretary for PTA meetings but Wayne and Kathleen agreed they would work to make sure that someone was available to report at PTA meetings, depending on availability

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Action items for next meeting:

- Budget