

PS261 SLT Meeting Minutes 3/11/16

In attendance:

- Principal Mills
- Teachers: Jamie Pandolf, Stephanie Scarborough
- Parent Coordinator: Heather Weston
- PTA Rep: Nora McCauley
- Parents: Kate Hazel-Busch, Amy Huggans, Curt Iiams, Wayne Isaak, Cindy Lobel, Kathleen Mulholland

1. Cindy Lobel called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. Minutes from prior meeting approved.
2. Parent Handbook – Kate
 - The original is being typed so that we have an electronic copy
 - Current version being compared with the old as well as with other schools in the area
 - The hope is that it will be ready for the Fall
 - Jamie and Nicole are working on the staff handbook – goal is to marry that handbook with the parent handbook to the extent that areas overlap
3. Vertical Math Workshops
 - Evening of March 31 and morning of April 1 – will be a school wide presentation about the new math
 - Later in April, targeted parent workshops in the classrooms on a Parents as Learning Partners Day
 - Principal Mills plans to meet with Kate, Staff Developer, to go over the program – Kate is very progressive and Principal Mills wants to make sure that the process is paced well for the best results
 - Idea is to explain to the parents what is expected of the kids – what they should be able to do and what they may not be able to do
 - Parents will be advised through Heather's email and in backpacks
4. Other possible workshops –
 - Social issues in school – general socializing
 - Finding someone to provide workshops to discuss
 - a. Bullying
 - b. Sexual orientation
 - Kim – puberty workshops for 4th and 5th grade
5. Town Hall Meetings

- State testing the night before 3/10 went very well – good turnout; another session to be scheduled
 - Further town hall week of 3/17 – discussing recess
 - Goal is to start them sooner next year
6. Further discussion regarding getting parents involved.
- There has been a lot of discussion about having better attendance at PTA meetings. They have been specifically scheduled for days with Families as Learning Partners but turnout still low
 - Principal Mills suggested that, while the meetings are helpful, maybe we should focus more on attendance at the fundraisers
 - Have teachers tap into parents – those relationships can be strong and teachers may have a better sense of parents’ skills and what they can add to the community
 - People do show up to specific meetings – attendance at general meetings tends to be the problem
 - Auction discussed – next year there needs to be a committee as, this year, too much fell on too few
7. SLT election
- Cindy Lobel’s seat is the only spot opening this year – too many new people this year and only one seat to be vacant now
 - Curt offered to put his seat up for re-election this year so that the vacancies will be better spaced
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am.
9. Action Items
- SLT election
 - Plans for next year
 - CEP Template coming out in April – need a subcommittee