

PS261 SLT Meeting Minutes 6/17/16

In attendance:

- Jackie Allen Joseph, Sara Apful, Principal Mills
- Teachers: Jamie Pandolf, Stephanie Scarborough, Kristin Taylor, Jodie Park
- Parent Coordinator: Heather Weston
- PTA Rep: Nora McCauley
- Parents: Amy Huggans, Wayne Isaak, Curt Iams, Cindy Lobel, Kathleen Mulholland
- Guest Parent: Kim Haden

1. Cindy Lobel called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. Minutes from prior meeting approved.
2. SLT Elections – Kathleen Mulholland
 - Heather announced call for nominations at May PTA meeting and also included in newsletter. Deadline for nominations was June 3
 - Cindy Lobel was the only nominee; therefore, election set for June 10 was not required
 - Cindy's position on SLT for new 2 year term will be confirmed by acclimation at 6/24/16 PTA meeting
3. New Computer Equipment awarded by District Representative – details provided by Kim Haden, kindergarten parent
 - Kim is currently researching what other schools are doing with respect to Media Literacy Programs, things to consider are:
 - a. Make sure the teachers know how to use
 - b. Make sure teachers are inclined to use – so that the new equipment does not sit in classroom unused
 - c. Make sure the kids learn more useful computer literacy
 - Kim sees this as a three step project:
 - a. Researching specifically what equipment we want and what is permitted under funding
 - b. Place the order for the equipment
 - c. Maintain equipment – this may include a maintenance agreement with supplier, which Kim believes is permissible under the funding awarded
 - Principal Mills reminded us that there is certain equipment not permitted under DOE. Curt agreed to help Kim research the types of equipment that

might work – durable, user friendly for the kids and minimal cost, especially with regard to accessories

- An audit will be performed to see what is currently in each classroom and to also see what may be needed
- We must remember that training is very important or the equipment will not be used; each grade will have different needs and uses
- Principal Mills also reminded us that certain equipment has very expensive replacement parts – for example, smart board bulbs are very expensive and would likely have to be covered by PTA or others
- There was a discussion about motivating parents to pay for a Media Literacy position; we discussed if they were full time, that would require benefits and would likely be costly. Perhaps, if a teaching artist was brought in, that would be less costly. It would require the teachers to be present in the room but that would likely also be helpful for the teachers to learn the technology.
- Principal Mills said that 2016-17 school year will likely be a good year to bring in the technology since we are now in our second year of the new math and our reading and writing program is set.

4. Summer CEP – will be held on July 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Cindy will send out a reminder

5. Racial Understanding Workshop

- we will work on over the summer so that it is up and running by the fall.
- It will be held in October or November with another in the Spring
- Rachel Godsel or Precious Cornerstones will be used
- Principal Mills and AP Jackie will look into what makes a PROSE Diversity School – whether a school has to be a full PROSE school or can just be with regard to diversity. This would allow us to make sure that our school is more diverse overall – administration can pick and choose more freely than now.

6. Principal Mills announced her retirement. She discussed what went into her decision and said that she has recommenced that Assistant Principal Jackie take her place.

7. Meeting adjourned for the year at 8:25.