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October SLT Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Lori Uysal at 7:11 a.m.
- Review and approval of September minutes

- Budget/Administration report:

Ms. Chory provided a brief overview of the budget. She spoke about register loss, how the DoE reviews attendance, and how that affects the amount of money that is allocated to schools.

Ms. Chory pointed out money is always going to be tight. She also noted 17 after-school programs kicked off courtesy of PTO funds for grades K-8. Some of those programs include both a track club and Lion King Jr. stipend. Parents are looking for more seats to be available in PTO funded after-school programming.

Ms. Chory doesn't expect anything drastic to happen with the budget. Administration would like to restart Saturday Academy. Last year, the target demographic was the "average kids" or the kids that are middle-of-the-road academically. The intervention/small school group target # is 15. Program launch is anticipated for spring 2017. At present time, there is no money to cover an AP upstairs. Questions were posed by SLT members as to how things are running upstairs without a full-time AP, and a healthy dialogue ensued.

Ms. Chory has completed 22 observations and Ms. Marrero has completed 18. November Coffee with Chory will take place before the PTO meeting.

Bylaws:

- Revised every two years. The bylaws were updated last year to show the new mission/vision statements. It was suggested that copies should be made of the current bylaws, so that they may be taken home and reviewed. After that, a subcommittee should be formed. Finally, once the revisions have been made, the SLT can vote to approve. Lori Uysal asked for volunteers to sit on the subcommittee. It was mentioned that revisions need to happen by June 2017.
- Sarah Durham, Johanna Garcia, and Ms. Chory will read the current bylaws and review them before the next meeting. Conversation and review will take place on Google Docs. They will report the

recommendation to the SLT. Ms. Chory recommended section 3.2 (see bylaw) be removed. It takes away from the productivity of the meetings

Sub-committee discussion from last month:

- Johanna Garcia discussed the conversation from the last PTO meeting re: drug/sex ed. Parents are interested in joining the sub-committee to work with Ms. McCullough. The question was posed as to whether or not the topics should be divided into two sub-committee or does everything take place under the one. Sex ed seems to be the core concern amongst parents. The concern is the sub-committee will get too broad and it will lose its effectiveness. Ms. Chory said one sub-committee would be more appropriate but there needs to be some investigating to see what the DoE will allow teachers to share with the students. She also noted parents need to teach kids about abstinence and the school can teach about safe sex.

Communications:

- Our new Cliff's Notes Newsletter was introduced. There will be one newsletter produced a month for both schools. The most recent editions are up on the school website, and the IS copies will go home today. Adele Tedesco said that from the communications standpoint, having a newsletter alleviates pressure on the PTO to get information out to the parents.
- Johanna Garcia said parents need to make sure they're messaging the teachers directly as opposed to using the message board when using Engrade. Ms. Melilli said she uses the Remind app to disseminate information to her students and parents.
- The launch of EngradePro will be taking place during parent/teacher conferences. Ms. Elton can reset passwords if parents are having problems logging on to the system.
- Motion to adjourn @ 8:11 a.m.