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School Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Minutes

Present: Amanda Burley, Tom Canning, Cynthia Chory, Sarah Durham, Robin Edmonds, Isabelle Elton, Alexis Higgins, Marianne Kugler, Nilda Marrero, Melissa Mitchell, Jennifer Rose, Hope Traficanti, Lori Uysal

Review and approval of minutes

The SLT Chair Lori Uysal called the meeting to order and the minutes of the March SLT meeting were reviewed and approved.

Budget

- Ms. Chory reported that there was now no money left in the budget for school supplies; all supplies had been ordered for next school year.
- Funds to extend 3rd and 4th grade art teacher Ms. Kliner had been taken from the supply budget.
- Manhattan field support person Yuet Chu would be visiting the school that day; she is interested in the unique challenges faced by K-8 schools.

Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP)

- The new Mission/Vision Statement will be included in the new by-laws before the next SLT meeting.
- A subcommittee was formed for updating the CEP for the next school year, including Lori Uysal, Sarah Durham and Ms. Kugler.
- The CEP needs to embody the school's vision while meeting DOE requirements applicable to the school.
- The new CEP is due by June. Goals in progress include communication and student centered learning.

501(c)(3) status of PTA

- Effective March 2016, the PTA is now a 501(c)(3), which is the first step in transforming the PTA into a parent-teacher organization (PTO). In the meantime, the PTA Executive Board will move forward with changing treasury procedures, by-laws, etc.
- The PTA Executive Board is discussing the presence of two 501(c)(3)s at the school (Friends of 187 is already a 501(c)(3)), with advice from the SLT.

- With a PTO, the school will be eligible for new grants; grant development will be focused on priority areas. SLT members recommended sports (including playground) and technology and discussed ways to coordinate parent volunteers to find and pursue the grants.
- The SLT recommended that one person on the PTA Executive Board should be the grant coordinator.

SLT time sheets due

- SLT members get a \$300 stipend for participating in the SLT. Timesheets need to be completed and returned to the Ms. Chory by the May SLT meeting. Stipends not claimed by SLT members for 30 hours participation are returned to the DOE.

Other business

- A nominating committee would be formed for SLT and PTA elections for the 2016-2017 school year. Hope Traficanti would be the coordinator; two more volunteers from the parent body would be sought for the committee.

Next meeting – May 18