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School Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, December 2 2015

**Minutes**

Present: Amanda Burley, Tom Canning, Shelley Castro, Cynthia Chory, Sarah Durham, Isabelle Elton, Alexis Higgins, Marianne Kugler, Melissa Mitchell, Jennifer Rose, Hope Traficanti, Lori Uysal, Guests: Ms. Brady-Price, Ms. Edmonds, Ms. Marrero, Debby Nabavian

**Review and approval of minutes**

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

**Budget**

- Ms. Chory explained that the school is appealing the shortfall in the mid-year adjustment funding; it was hoped that the school would obtain an additional \$30,000 but Ms. Chory would pursue the greater sum, which had been expected.
- Ms. Chory would review progress on the CEP at the next meeting.

**Brainstorming/vision workshop**

- SLT members, along with Ms. Marrero, Ms. Edmonds, Debby Nabavian from Friends of 187 and Ms. Brady-Price, followed a workshop model to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the current school mission and vision, as well as gaps and opportunities for the future. A brief outline is noted below; the whole list will be compiled and reviewed together.

- Strengths:

**1) Thoughtful and Engaging Curriculum**

**a. Culture of Reading**

**b. Interdisciplinary Projects**

**c. Activities that require critical thinking**

- d. The arts
- e. Physical activity/enrichment

**2) Building Community, Teaching Responsibility, Celebrating Spirit**

**3) Supportive Teaching Environment**

**4) Partnering With Parents**

**5) Supportive Learning Environment**

- a. Teaching staff is experienced and committed
- b. Intervention literacy and math
- c. Social-emotional learning

- Areas for improvement

**1) Curriculum**

- a. Technology
- b. Arts
- c. Interdisciplinary projects
- d. Science
- e. Literacy
- f. Disconnect between ES and IS

**2) Community/Communication**

**3) Teaching Environment**

**4) Partnering with parents**

**5) Learning Environment**

Next meeting – January 20