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School Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Minutes

Present: Leona Brady-Price, 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 February SLT meeting were reviewed and approved.

Budget

- Ms. Chory reported that the school had received \$11,000 in No Child Left Behind funding, plus an additional \$12,000; the funding was being used to invest in new (and replace broken) Smart Boards.
- The school has received less than the required budget for the past three years; the SLT and the PTA Executive Board may need to jointly draft a letter regarding the need to launch budget appeals for three consecutive years.
- The school has only one full-time guidance counselor this year, and lacks the proper budget to keep a second counselor on a permanent basis.
- SLT members discussed how to strengthen the school's Spanish program based on available budget and scheduling possibilities.

Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP)

- The CEP goals had been slightly revised to provide updates on the school's progress related to stated milestones; there has been noted progress towards many of the goals initiated in the last school year.

Mission/Vision statements

- Sarah Durham presented the work of the mission/vision statement sub-committee, which had met to finalize the mission statement and draft a vision statement
- The mission statement was made more concise and supported by bullet points providing additional details.
- SLT members discussed the revisions and suggested additional language for these statements.
- The SLT voted to adopt the new mission and vision statements, and include them in the school's by-laws.

Communications survey

- A new communications survey had been finalized by the SLT and would soon be sent to parents.

Parent-teacher organization (PTO) sub-committee

- Thomas Canning had joined the school's PTO sub-committee; the committee was making a long-term plan for a merger of the PTA and Friends of 187, and eventually the formation of a PTO.

Marimba performance

- Alexis Higgins reported that a high-school marimba band from Botswana would be coming to the school on April 21 to perform for the children. The group raises money for the AIDS orphan fund at the school.
- There would be two morning concerts and one evening concert; the evening concert would be open to the community and would be widely promoted.
- Proceeds from ticket sales (and any additional donations) would be donated to the group's charity. The Marimba band is doing the performance free of charge. Group members would also be available to visit classrooms.

Next meeting – April 20