

SLT MINUTES
SLT Minutes: Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Attendance: Elizabeth Garraway, Annie Giovino, Victoria Morey, Teresa Bazzi, Heidi Sauberg, Ronni Horowitz, Colleen Cruz, Roophy Roy, Kim Landman, Kass Minor (via Skype), Maria Heredia

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Diversity Committee Report:** We are working on increasing parent attendance at future meetings and growing the conversations. The next meeting will be held on December 5th.
 - Co-Author of *Don't Touch My Hair*, Charles Waters may visit PS 118 and hold an assembly for 3rd-5th grades. The cost would be \$500. However, we would need to find a space large enough to hold the event. – (maybe the church auditorium across the street). Alternatively, a group of students could go on a field trip to hear Charles Waters speak. The cost per student would be around \$8.00.
 - The next "Building Inclusive Spaces" meeting will be held on December 13th.
2. **Abilities Awareness Committee Update:** *The Good Dog Foundation* is flexible with coming to PS 118 on any weekday. A discussion was held around choosing a date for Jackie Rosenberg (SETSS Provider) to pull students to the library and read to the dog. It would last 30 minutes per class. Since the Maurice Sendak Foundation supports *The Good Dog Foundation*, the plan is for students to read Maurice Sendak books to the dog. Once we find out how long the dog is available we'll decide which younger grades have priority.
3. **Read-a-thon Committee Update:** The committee will be placing paper reading worms on the stairway walls. The library will be used for Friday, February 2nd PJ Day to take class photos. (Feb. 2nd is the last day of the Read-a-thon.) Parents will be asked to limit picture time in classrooms because it was disruptive last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Financial Liaison:** Participants each earn \$15 per SLT meeting. It was discussed that the money could be donated back to the school. Ms. Horowitz has been nominated to file the necessary paperwork for this to happen.

2. **Arts Residency:** Dates are still TBD. – It would be nice to connect an arts event to a PTA meeting or a Family Friday to ensure maximum community participation. We would like to do something similar to the Community Quilt that was created 3 years ago. This quilt is currently displayed in the lunchroom. Studio in school dates will be sent out again.
3. **Lice Checks:** PTA will discuss options with parent body. Will see about 'rolling account' to keep checks regular. Teresa volunteers to do a demonstration of how to comb out for nits!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SETSS Room:** Now that the cold winter months are upon us, the temperature in this room on the 4th floor is cold. Additionally, there is distracting noise from children in the gym playing frequently. We will work on getting a noise machine and a space heater ASAP. In the meantime, Jackie is using other comfortable and available rooms/spaces to work with her students. All rooms need AC covered.
2. **Report Cards:** A memo will be sent home to explain the change from narratives to number grades for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders in the first marking period of this year. *(Now that we have rising 5th graders, it's important to enter all three yearly marking periods in STARS.)* For K-2nd graders we are still doing Narratives in the 1st marking period and number grades for the 2nd and 3rd marking periods. Our district does not add +'s or -'s to number grades.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

- Gendered book selections?
- Parent workshops run by parent social workers & teachers & etc. Maybe before PTA meetings