

SLT MINUTES

SLT Minutes: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Attendance: Elizabeth Garraway, Victoria Morey, Teresa Bazzi, Heidi Sauberg, Ronni Horowitz, Colleen Cruz, Roy Griffith, Kim Landman, Kass Minor, Maria Heredia, Debbie Farrell

1. **Goal of SLT meetings:** We have discussions and come to a consensus. We do not make policies for the school.
2. **Committee Report:**
 - The Diversity Committee is open to anyone in the PS 118 community, but it's limited to a certain # of people
 - A Diversity Committee newsletter would be helpful to disseminate information to our community.
3. **Abilities Awareness Update:**
 - A discussion was held around how we chose who read to the visiting dogs during the Read-a-thon. (A few students were chosen at random per class.)
 - SETSS provider Jackie Rosenberg presented at the last Abilities Awareness Committee meeting about RTI. It was very nice to have her there and she helped many people decide the next steps to helping get their child what they need to be successful learners.
 - There are now 11 members of this committee.
4. **Universal Permission Slip:** Teachers now have the updated trip slip on the updated school letterhead and includes the mode of transportation and name of the program/title of the field trip.
5. **PTA Report:** We hope that many families will attend the next PTA meeting on 3/27/19 @ 6:00 pm that will feature an internet safety presentation. It would be helpful to our community have more presentations at future PTA meetings.
6. **Garden Committee Update:**
 - Debbie Farrell spoke about a no-pressure way for teachers to work with their classes in the school garden. We want classes to feel that they can work in the garden once or many time. All levels of interest are welcome!
 - A \$1,200 grant has been awarded to PS 118 to get the garden up and running again after it was closed for 1 year due to construction on the roof.
 - The next committee meeting will be held on April 2nd. We'll discuss logistics of getting the new school sign that has been in the works for a while now.
 - The garden shed has supplies for planting. It's not locked.
 - There may be another planting day soon. There were 110 people at the last planting day!
 - The original scheme was designed to mimic The High Line.
 - A hydroponic lab will be installed in the science lab this June that will be up and running next fall.

7. **Out To Lunch:** We may have an escorted "Out To Lunch" for 5th grade this June. The last time this topic was discussed most parents were opposed to it. We'll revisit this idea again next fall with the 4th and 5th grade parents.
8. **Emotional Intelligence:** A discussion was held around having teachers trained.
9. **P.E.:** Classes will be held outside through the end of the school year unless there is construction and debris, rainy weather or extremely hot weather that makes it unhealthy to hold classes in the yard.
10. **Parent Communication:** Best practice is that teachers will notify parents and school administration about grades lower than a 3 (grade level) throughout the marking period (before report cards and Parent Teacher Conferences.)