

# SLT MINUTES

## SLT Minutes: Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Attendance: Elizabeth Garraway, Victoria Morey, Teresa Bazzi, Heidi Sauberg, Ronni Horowitz, Colleen Cruz, Kim Landman, Kass Minor, Maria Heredia and Kelly Kolodny-visitor

1. **SLT Book Swap:** 20 people have signed up for this event taking place tomorrow night-6/19/19.
2. **SLT New and outgoing members:** Heidi Sauberg's 2 year term is up. It was decided that we would add one new staff member and one new parent member. (6 and 6) There will be 2 new staff members starting on the SLT in September, 2019: Kindergarten Teacher Meredith Hackett and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Regina Rodgers. The PTA President can organize the recruiting of the additional new parent body member. It will be mentioned at the next PTA meeting but will be decided in early September before the 1<sup>st</sup> SLT meeting of the new school year. - *The first SLT meeting date will be Tuesday, 9/10 at 4:00pm.* It was decided that the meeting schedule will include some Wednesdays at 3pm in addition to Tuesday 4:00pm meetings. The yearly schedule will be discussed at the next meeting in September.
3. **5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington DC:** Everyone had an amazing time! We plan on having this trip again next year for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
4. **Diversity Committee:** Done for the school year, planning via e-mail, may meet in the library before school starts. Date TBD. Will reiterate that it is open to everyone, open up 5 more spots on this committee at the beginning of the new school year in early September.
5. **Abilities Awareness Committee:** Maria Heredia plans on continuing to lead this committee in the new school year. However, after a few months if there continues to be very low attendance that proves to be a lack of need, she may stop it mid-year.
6. **CEP:** We don't have enough information now to work on updating the CEP, trainings will be offered over the summer. Will use a shared Google Doc to help formulate CEP together over the summer. Objections to the CEP being based on test scores was discussed.
7. **Rallying more parent involvement and attendance at PTA meetings:** There is low attendance at these meetings which also affects parent involvement in the school. We've grown a lot in the past few years! – It would be great to have all kinds of community involvement and *friendraising* in addition to fundraising as the focus of our PTA meetings. Focus on fundraising can be a turn-off. The 45 minute window before the PTA meeting is a good time to encourage non-fundraising involvement, particularly during non-family friday months. We can try to make community connections beyond our children. Advertising push usually results in a bump in the sign ups. A discussion was held around possible *friendraising* activities/committees...

- Hold an event and have the PTA meeting right afterwards. (The PTA Book Swap on 6/19/19)
- School wide book club
- Holding our PTA meetings in the morning right after Parents As Learning Partners.
- talks about topics (sex, internet, etc).
- Breakout groups were not successful in the past
- Suggestion box!

8. **Parents as learning partners:** In September a calendar for Parents As Learning Partners 2019-20 will be sent to our parent body.
9. **Reorganization grade by grade:** Next year there will be 2 classes on each grade except for Pre-K (one class) and 1<sup>st</sup> grade (3 classes). There will be paraprofessionals in each grade Pre-k through 2nd. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades will have part-time inclusion. There will be a lower grades K-2 SETSS teacher. Clusters will be Science, PE, Library and Spanish. Enrichments will be decided over the summer once the teachers have informed Principal Garraway about how they went this year.
10. **(NEW) SLT Sponsored Events:** A discussion was held around the SLT parent members having about 4 sponsored events next year as the PTA is very busy and cannot manage more events. Parent Kelly Kolodny offered to lead a Social Committee as long as one other parent will share the work with her. She suggested bringing back the summer incoming PreK and Kindergarten playdate ahead of the start of school in order to *friendraise* and make connections with new families. She also suggested organizing a talent show across the grades as long as one other parent shares the organizing work with her.
11. **Camp Mason or Frost Valley?:** A discussion was held around organizing a *friendraising* camping trip. Families (including parents and kids!) would go for 1 or 2 nights as a way to bond and strengthen our PS118 community. Cost is a key concern. We could arrange a monthly installment payment plan ahead of the trip. We could also do fund/friendraisers such as spaghetti dinners or potlucks. Students who promote it to their families by way of school staff promoting it to them would increase interest and community participation across the grades 😊.