

PS 118 SLT Minutes 9/10/2019

Attendees: Elizabeth Garraway, Victoria Morey, Teresa Bazzi, Ronni Horowitz, Regina Rodgers, Heather Smith, Colleen Cruz, Maria Heredia, Cassandra Minor, Kim Landman

- Call to order/sign in/timekeeper
 - Introductions of new members Heather Smith and Regina Rodgers
 - Kim volunteers to take notes (Thank you!)
- Reading/approval of June minutes
- Committee reports (limited to no more than 5 minutes each):
 - PTA report- potluck this Saturday 3-5, discussed having a literacy event half hour before the potluck but another time with more planning. Team sports are Saturday and makes it hard to come. Is it possible to do after school? Usually not great. Mix it up with other days to give everyone a chance to attend.
 - Diversity committee- adding members- 30 people can be added but we need a core group who is committed and plan activities. Maybe varying the time would increase involvement. Will be announced by Elizabeth at PTA on 9/25/19.
 - Abilities awareness committee- Considering whether to continue but will announce at PTA mtg to see if someone else wants to take over. Colleen is leading a dyslexia workshop 10/28, 29, 30 at Child Mind Institute.
- Unfinished business
 - CEP- will work on it again next meeting despite it being test based
 - Reorganization:
 - EG had made an appeal for small class size for kids with LD. Spoke to DOE and they said no, but at the end of July they granted the class. Added K-ICT which will eventually have 8 ICT & 12 Gen Ed students. Very happy to have the class, but it was difficult to staff so late. Still hiring. It is a DOE initiative in K-1 to provide early literacy support via ICT small class size. The teachers are being trained to service students with literacy needs. It's a pilot program that five schools citywide were given. As the kids in the class move up, the class will move up by a grade each year. It will continue in 1st grade but funding for the small class size is not guaranteed.
 - Ms. Ana found a job as an ESL teacher in high school and we had trouble finding another teacher so Spanish is gone. Instead we have hydroponics in grades 1-5 as well as science,

library/technology (coding & robotics will be in a cycle during library), PE.

- Mr Joel, custodian, got a promotion and went to another school.

- New Business Agenda:
 - Scheduling for 2019-20 school year- Tuesdays 4pm
 - 10/15/19, 11/19/19, 12/17/19, 1/14/20, 2/11/20, 3/10/20, 4/7/20, 5/12/20, 6/16/20
- Creation of new Agenda (open to community):
 - Parents discussing having last year's presenter come in for Sex ed & consent conversations with young children
 - Inclusivity initiative