

February 9th SLT Minutes

Attendees: Victoria Morey, Teresa Bazzi, Elizabeth Garraway, Charlotta Koehler, Sivia Weintraub, Tara Hayward, Ronni Horowitz, Chris Shott, Deirdre Curry, Regina Rodgers.

- Committee Reports - PTA:
 - Next PTA meeting is February 24th 6:30pm
 - February 2nd “The Talk: Sex Ed 2.0” event went very well; video recording available for one month
 - Looking to schedule additional events
 - Working on possibly having a hybrid gala this spring – details still tbd
- Committee Reports - Equity Committee: First meeting to be held Thursday, February 11th at 8pm.
- New Business:
 - Review PTA Letter to Mayor – School budgets are determined per student based on prior year’s enrollment. Due to large reduction in student population this year, PS118 owes substantial money back to the city. PTA’s across the city are writing to the mayor to request elimination of this debt.
 - Discussion on city-mandated in-school testing for 3rd-5th graders. Principal Garraway has not yet received information on whether testing will occur, but school was required to purchase testing materials.
 - Question arose on what is the current sex ed curriculum at PS118 – Principal Garraway discussed elements of science curriculum for younger grades including plant and animal reproduction. In 5th grade, students have ~6-lesson segment on pre-adolescent education. Curriculum is sent by DOE and augmented by student questions. Discussion on whether there would be an option of Rachel Lotus doing a kid-appropriate presentation.
- Next Month Agenda Items:
 - Outline actions needed to support Play Street initiative; create schedule to request parent volunteers to move / staff barricades at both ends of 7th Street.