

January 11th SLT Minutes

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

- Discussion on possibility of alternate parent representative due to one SLT member having a scheduling conflict for the next few meetings.
- Committee Reports - PTA:
 - Next PTA meeting is January 19th
 - January 12th – Auction Planning Committee Kick-Off
 - Jan 13th (and following Thursday's) – LabQ van coming to PS118 in the afternoon
 - Jan 18th – Feb 4th – Read-A-Thon (LY raised ~\$19K)
 - PTA Exec Board / SLT representatives – May 2022 election
 - Funding available to teachers to support classroom activities.
- Committee Reports - Equity Committee – committee has not met due to current covid challenges
- Unfinished Business:
 - Continued concern over DOE meeting testing-in-school commitment – currently 20% of eligible students / 10% of staff vs relying on LabQ van that has been organized by parent volunteer.
 - Principal Garraway noted school supply of masks is sufficient
 - Discussed Rachel Lotus proposal:
 - Group had some clarifying questions on price (Principal Garraway noted price seemed reasonable). Also, on how Rachel Lotus sessions would get integrated into existing curriculum.
 - Thought this would be especially useful as workshop for teachers as Prof Development so teachers have tools to address any situations that may arise.
 - Interested in having Rachel Lotus speak directly to 4th/5th graders including ability to submit anonymous questions.
 - Budget for sessions would need to come from PTA
- New Business:
 - Discussion on bringing back speaker from Nov, 2021 PTA meeting on suicide prevention.

- Suggestion to have Teresa re-publish recording of the presentation along with list of resources.
- Possibility of hiring speaker “on retainer” to be available for a certain number of hours to families/staff who might want to reach out.
- January 18th is Spirit Day.
- Next month topics: