



THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

September 10, 2014

In Attendance:

Jodi Hyde, Principal

Robert Moy, UFT representative

Alyssa Volpe, K-2nd teacher representative,

Dianne Kirksey-Floyd, 3rd-5th grade teacher representative,

Stefanie Wolf, 6th-8th grade teacher representative

Nicole Chandonnet, 6th-8th grade at large teacher representative

Brian Shaheen, Elementary at large teacher representative

Kori Stanton, PTA Co-President

Andrea Goodman, K-2nd grade parent representative

Diane Heith, 3rd-5th grade parent representative

Kat de Haen, 6th-8th grade parent representative,

Rina Cohen Schwarz, K-4th grade at large parent representative,

Deborah Lopez, 5th-8th grade at large parent representative,

Mindy Wigutow, PTA parent representative

Meeting started at 3:00pm.

- I. Welcome and SLT procedures were discussed.
 - A. Diane Heith will stay on in her two year term as SLT co-chair. Deborah Lopez was elected as her co-chair. They agreed to share the duties of Secretary.
 - B. Monthly note taking will be rotated through the parent members.
 - C. Dates for upcoming meetings; 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/18, 4/15, 5/13, 6/10. Meetings will take place from 3-5 in G17
 - D. Member training should be completed by October. Sltsupport.blogspot.com
- II. CEP – Goals for this year were discussed – to be completed by June 2015
 - A. Honor Code Goal – the social emotional curriculum was revised over the summer to address an honor code encompassing behavior and academic integrity. In elementary grades, the whole school will be doing the same read-aloud, In middle school this will take place in advisory with thematic lessons from the program Overcoming Obstacles. All grades will be working on the same trait of the month.
 - B. Vocabulary goal – set for all students to be 2 grades above grade level as measured by in school and out of school contests. We have aligned with Teacher's College to achieve this goal. All ELA teachers will participate
 - C. Community Service Goal – devise and assist our k-5 students to participate in community service along with our successful middle school program. Engrade is now K-8, so this will help with tracking.
- III. Math – The 7th and 8th grade math program, which had been tracked for the last few years to allow half of our 8th graders to take the regents in January and the other half in June has been untracked. As a result of citywide changes, all algebra students will have to take the Common Core regents going forward. Last year's 8th grade took both the old

form Algebra Regents and the new Common Core Regents, and the grades were significantly lower for the Common Core. The math curriculum has been rewritten to ensure that all of the new areas are covered in as much detail as is necessary, and all students will be taking two years of Algebra and taking the Regents in June. There is also a language component on the test, so our math teachers will be working with our ELA teachers.

- IV. GOAL – as a result of the changes to the teacher contract, there will be no more extended day. To allow for additional help and/or small group instruction, the school has undertaken a new program called GOAL, in which small groups of students will be pulled out during the day in 5 7-week cycles. In the elementary grades, all students will participate at least once. In the middle school, it will continue to be on more of a needs basis.
- V. NYC DOE Survey – members were assigned homework to review the survey
- VI. Safety –
 - A. 5 new upgraded cameras were installed over the summer, including one right at the front door. All Principals, Assistant Principals and safety agents have access to watch footage.
 - B. New Level 3 commander – Officer Aponte is at our front door
 - C. First fire drill will be this week, 2 lockdown drills are required, 1st one must be before October 31st
 - D. A new nurse has been located at our school
- VII. K-2nd grade report - Limited risk committee will meet again to discuss having allergy awareness week earlier in the year.
- VIII. Budget – discussion about how changes to the school’s already very tight budget may have an effect on the PTA’s budget ie., assistant teachers will begin to accrue sick days starting in January.
- IX. 3rd-5th grade report – discussion about last year’s standardized test scores, which were atypical across the city, not only in our classrooms. Questions about non-promotion based on the scores as well as, moving on to other middle schools and/or high schools were discussed. All students who did not perform as expected were advised to review their actual tests. We did have some kids who attended summer school this year, which is something that gets paid for out of the school’s budget. Additionally, new rules provide that Standardized test scores can no longer be the only determining factor. Schools must come up with a new rubric to determine who could apply. Attendance is even more important, and families with excessive absences are encouraged to meet with administration.
- X. 6th-8th grade report – question about writing in gym classes was addressed
- XI. SLT subcommittees reinstated; limited risk, community service, edutainment, and bylaws. Multicultural subcommittee created.
- XII. By laws need to be reviewed by October

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.