



THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2013

In Attendance: *Jodi Hyde - principal, Diane Heith - K-2 parent rep, Joy Heinze - PTA co-pres, Laura Mount - 6-8 parent rep, Deborah Lopez 5-8 at large parent rep, Paula Seefeldt - 3-5 parent rep, Mindy Wigutow - PTA parent rep, Rina Cohen Schwarz K-4 at large parent rep, Leni Cohen -K-2 teacher rep, Robert Moy - UFT rep, Diane Kirksey-Floyd - 3-5 teacher rep, Nicole Chandonnet teacher middle school at large- Nicole Cardinale teacher elementary at large, Stephanie Wolf 6-8 AMS Teacher Rep*

Elected Co-Chairs- Diane Heith and Rina Cohen

Secretary-Diane Heith

Representative to the Budget Committee- Mindy Wigutow-elected to committee, Joy Heinze and Laura Mount Volunteers to committee

CEP Goals 2013 and 2014:

Goal 1:

Teacher effectiveness-evaluations for job performance

- o Approved June 1 by Governor Cuomo
 - i. CSA-UFT couldn't come to an agreement so the new system was approved by the government officials

Based on

1. Teacher evaluations: measure of student learning.
 - a. 40% scored on tests children take-Regents, ELA, Math, Department tests
 - b. Danielson Rubric- (55 page document)
 - Prep
 - Instruction
 - Professional Practices
 - Class Environment
 - 4 to 6 Observations each year for each teacher
 - c. Teacher evaluation classifications: Ineffective, Developing, Effective, Highly Effective. Very difficult to achieve Highly Effective because of the variables determining the assessment.

Goal 2:

1. School wide focus
 - a. Encourage academic discussion in classroom
 - b. Ask high level questions

Goal 3:

1. Achieving top 10% on statewide ELA and Math rankings.

Goal 4:

1. Competitions
 - a. Entering more student competitions: Debate, Math team, Science Olympiads, Chess, Spelling Bee, etc.

Proposal for 6 Half days for Teacher Effectiveness

1. 3 Days must be first half and 3 second half
2. Alternative is 20 minutes per week
3. Parent approval necessary
4. Takes about 6 weeks to approve because DOE has to approve

Principal Jodi Hyde and teachers will be attending September 25 PTA General meeting to answer questions and to communicate the importance of 6 half days vs 20 minutes per week.

New Staff:

Letter sent out by Principal Hyde to inform parent of new teaching staff members

- Jessie Sanchez-new PE teacher- will have extended day in the Wellness Room
- In the process of hiring K-4 Spanish teacher. 2.5 Days a week: Bianca Ambrossi

Recess: Children were sat down to go over new rules for the new yard the first day of school. Mr. Sanchez led the discussion. Recess was extended that day.

Yard: Cushions will be purchased for the new basketball poles.

Library -will be enrichment instruction. Ms. Kozol and Ms. Prince will manage the classes inside the Library. Children can take out books only if they return all of their books from last year.

Children of all grades have access to the library via class time or lunch. Middle School children cannot have open access after school because of the sports team using the library between end of school-extended day and practice.

Bullying

Diane Heith is going to share link to PBS show with the SLT on Bullying appropriate for k-2.

Bullying the movie will be show in the evening to Middle School Children with a parent.

Joy Heinze looking into other programs to bring as assemblies.

AMS is assigned tables for safety reasons. They get 20 minutes for lunch.

Cafeteria New Cook- New Manager-Johana Beletran
Some issues with replacement staff
Running out of food
Dirty tables-Peanut concerns

Dress Code- Parents help needed to comply with dress code.

Electives: Band, Chorus, Rock Band After-school
New elective programs for 2013-MarketWatch and TED

Organizing Person come into teach 5th graders and other years.
Call, former Anderson parent who is an organizational specialist for suggestions on who to hire.

Homework: no changes to the homework policy

Learning Leaders-There are issues with separation and LL just focusing on their own child. Changes to Learning Leaders assignments--can't do with same grade as child. Learning Leader coordinator informed of the change.

Mindy Wigutow reminded SLT that the PTA wants to have more assistant teachers. There is money in the budget.

Meeting adjourned: 5:20