



THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

September 19, 2012

Attendees: Jodi Hyde, Principal, Nicole Cardinale-(Elementary Teacher at Large), Diane Kirksey-Floyd (3-5 Representative), Tim Rogers Teacher-Middle School at Large, Nicole Chandonnet (6 to 8 AMS Teacher Representative), Mr. Moy (UFT Chapter Leader), Diane Heith (k-2 Rep), Rina Cohen Schwarz (k-4 Rep), Paula Seefeldt (3-5 Rep), Paul Radvany (5-8 Rep at large), Laura Mount (6-8 AMS Rep), Mindy Wigutow (PTA Rep to SLT), Jeanne Goffi-Fynn (Co President PTA), Joy DeVries-Heinze (Co-President PTA)

Meeting Started: 3:30

Introduction of SLT Members

1.CEP Goals

- Reviewed Goal for 2011-12 Test Scores
 - Increase 5th Grade ELA scores to a 4 by 14% (2010-11 16%) to 30% 4s.
 - Achieved goal: 53 %

2.Test Scores 2011-12

- Reward School Status
 - Achieved within the top 5 of all New York State Schools in all grades taking ELA and Math
- School is strong in Math-achieving over 95% in Level 4 in grades 4-7
- Hyde met with new 5-8 math teachers to emphasis the math curriculum for the test.

3. New CEP Goals

- How do we look for growth?
- What should the next measurable goal be for 2012-13 testing.
- All goals need to be measurable, but they do not need to be based on hard data such as the NYS exams
- No due date set for goals.

4. Homework Survey

- 196 Responses out of entire school 575
- Worth mentioning
 - How much time children spend in outside of school activities.
 - How much time parents help their children with homework.

5. Grading Policy

Teachers worked over the summer to create “The Anderson School Grading Policy” for parents

- Highlights

- Missing Homework-Child will stay in extended day the day following the missing homework to complete.
- Students will receive a separate grade from homework. Homework will not be considered in their semester grade.
- Semester grade will be based on class work and tests
- A child with an IEP, a document which states what services and accommodations a child with special needs is entitled to receive special consideration with the grading policy
- Extenuating circumstances-religious holidays and illness will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- The policy will be posted on Anderson School Website

6. F&P Document

- Bench Mark System that rates reading ability
 - Books given a letter to correspond to difficulty level
 - Children assessed in May/June and re-evaluated each Fall
 - Child is expected to travel through the alphabet as each difficulty level is achieved.
 - Posted on Website

7. MS Math Curriculum

- A number of parents have raised concern that the 6th grade math curriculum this year appears, from the classes so far and the Syllabus, to mostly cover what the 6th graders learned last year. It appears to some parents that the new math teachers in the middle school are not yet up to speed regarding what the students learned in previous years.
- Ms. Hyde stated that the scope and sequence is being reviewed with the new faculty.
- It was suggested that accelerated math in 7th grade should be given a new title
 - Difference:
 - honors vs non honors is speed in which they teach the material
 - Timing of the test- January vs June for the Regents
 - A students' placement is determined by
 - Assessment test given in 6th grade
 - Math grade
 - Teacher evaluation/discussion

8. Dismissal

- Must have a note for a change in pick-up
- Middle School and 5th grade entry-better flow to lockers

9. Responsibilities of SLT Grade Reps

- Ask for additions to agenda
- Distribute minutes within one week of meeting

10. Dates of Future SLT meetings

Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 28, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 27, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19

11. Lunch/Recess

- Based on research decision was made on having recess before lunch; didn't work because the children were too hungry and decision was reversed
- WITS back
- Working on making the lunch line go quicker.
- In order to receive federal funding, the DOE has required that every school lunch must have a green vegetable or fruit
- Working on making payment for lunch smoother.
- # of servers needs to be increased
- Lots of choices
 - Menu distributed in class morning meetings to decide what to have for lunch.
- Working on improving grab and go

Adjourned: 5:20 pm