

## SLT Meeting

9/27/16

### Attendance:

- Heidi Yupe
- Brittany Weber
- Jacqueline Loiacono
- Andrew Topol
- Evelyn Paulino
- Kathy Minelli
- Tapash Kumar Saha
- Juana Rosales
- Martha Martinez
- Griselda Martinez
- Karina Gonzalez
- Mary Ahern

Review of the minutes: minutes were approved from 6/14/16

Introductions: Welcome to new and old members to the SLT Team.

### By-laws and overview of SLT:

- CEP goals were approved from last year over the summer.
- Please read the SLT Bylaws by our next meeting. These serve as the guidelines for the SLT team.
- We have to have an equal number of parents and teachers on SLT. As of now we have 7 parents and 6 teachers. We are checking in with one teacher who is on maternity leave to see if she will still be a member when she returns. We possibly need one more member to join the SLT team.

### Principal Updates:

- Last year our school made tremendous progress.
- We made our biggest gains in student achievement last year.
- City wide average for gains in ELA was 4%. We had a 10% gain.
- City wide average for gains in math was 1%. We had a 4% gain.
- This is significant gains. However, we still have ways to go.
- We need to keep on making continuous progress each year.

- We are starting to see the results of our changes we have been making.
- Changes we made this year include:
  - departmentalizing 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades (math, reading, writing, science/SS-through literacy).
    - This will make a big difference for our children.
  - Third graders will be taught foundations.
  - Second/third graders will receive individualized support in phonics to meet each child's need.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> graders will receive a once a week enrichment choice time. Students pick their enrichment choice in the fall and spring.
  - We also added on a harmony program (k-3), which focuses on developing social emotional skills.
  - We added on restorative circles in 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades, which involve developing social emotional skills through literacy.
  - Rotating recess time for main 88<sup>th</sup> ave building.
- Possibility of recess at parsons- bins for recess at lunchtime.
- Our budget this year is bad- We will talk about it at the next meeting.

Review of draft CEP goals: Rigorous instruction, supportive environment, collaborative teachers, effective school leadership and strong family and community ties. These are the five goals we had to submit to the state. As a school, we have many more goals that we are working on.

\*\*Next SLT meeting: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm