

SLT Members in Attendance:

Other SLT Positions	Teacher Representatives	Parent Representatives
Elana Elster, Principal	Briana DeSantis	Barbara Denham
Deirdre McEvoy, UFT	Dan Fagen	Alison Gardy
Jerome Kramer, PTA Co-Pres	Sara Lichtman (co-secretary)	Stefanie Goldblatt
Katie Miller, PTA Co-Pres	Elizabeth McNulty (co-chairperson)	Karen Saltser
	Alexis Ritter	Patricia Saydah (co-secretary)
		William Reinisch (co-chairperson)
		Liz Wedlan

Meeting convened at 7:23 am at Booker T. Washington

Minutes:

Sept 2017 Minutes were approved with one slight alteration. SLT secretaries will send to Joanne to be posted.

Discussions:

Open School Week:

The group discussed how to organize Open School Week.

Agreed on the following approach:

- William Reinisch will set up School Bookings;
- Signup will be “per child” vs. “per family”
- Dates: Monday, Nov. 27th 1st, 2nd, 3rd period AND Wednesday, Nov. 29th 1st, 2nd period
- # tickets per classroom will be capped, so as not to disrupt natural flow of the class
- Need to reinforce that parents must be on time to enter classroom (so it is not disruptive)

Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) Update:

- Dr Elster offered access to online CEP system to SLT members who are interested. William Reinisch & Liz McNulty requested access so that they could help with CEP edits when needed.
- If anyone has additional CEP edits, please bring to next SLT meeting

SLT Resources Presentation –

- SLT member, Alison Gardy presented *The Handbook of SMART School Teams* as a credible resource for the SLT.
- It was suggested that rather than pass the book around, it would be more beneficial if sections of the book were photocopied for each member to read.
- Liz McNulty took on the task of photocopying a section of the book to be distributed for discussion at a future meeting.

Community Service Presentation

Building on the discussion from the Sept 2017 meeting, Katie Miller invited Natalie Silverstein to present to SLT. Natalie shared the following information:

- Doing Good Together was founded in Minneapolis and has now expanded to other cities, including NYC
- Natalie is the NYC coordinator of “Doing Good Together”
www.doinggoodtogether.org Provides a central place to post volunteer opportunities for families and youth.
- Discussed the importance of incorporating volunteer work into the fabric of family. Parents should live the values, demonstrating what it is to be a good person in the world. Incorporate into the lives of children in simple ways.
- There was a large emphasis on finding meaningful community service projects that are more than just a “check the box” activity.
- The discussion around the project is just as important as the project.
- PROPOSED (PHASED) NEXT STEPS:
 - 1st: Natalie to speak to students in November, in assembly format. She will focus on the importance of community service and how to get involved (incorporating lots of stories to deliver volunteer message; Katie suggested approaching the students with “this is your world; you can fix it” message)
 - 2nd: Natalie will speak to the parents at a PTA meeting. She will focus on how and why your students should do community service.
 - 3rd: Run Community Service Fair in Spring that will be student driven and reflect the ideas and interests of the students.
 - 4th: Community Service event for the 8th graders after graduation

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 am.

Meeting minutes submitted by SLT co-secretaries Sara Lichtman (teacher) and Patricia Saydah (parent)