



Q300 - The 30th Avenue School

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Matt Willard, Principal

SLT Meeting - 4/4/16

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm

Members present

Jill Kaufman
Matthew Willard
Elizabeth Yarmy
Pooja O'Hanlon
Elizabeth (Betty) Eck
Maria Hantzopoulos
Minnie Zen
Kristina Jelinek (visiting)

Members Not Present

Yan Zheng
Edwin Mora
Kalliopi Hatzathanassiou
Annette Bindert
David Wang

Review and Approval of Minutes from 3/07/15

Elizabeth - motioned to approve
Matt - second
All in favor to pass approval of minutes

Principal's Report -

1. RESO A - We heard from the CEC that our grant was approved and sent over to the city council and borough president. We should be hearing results this month.
2. Enrollment update - This week families applying for the elementary school should be getting G&T assessment scores. On April 19th we will be having a morning information session and open house for families. That evening there will be an additional information session. Applications are due on April 22nd. We are looking at 50 seats for kindergarten unless we have qualifying siblings. For first

grade we have 8 openings, for second grade we have no planned openings and third grade is expected to have 5 to 6 openings. Middle school enrollment reports should go out at the end of April and the appeal date is not yet known. We want to plan our open house to be before the appeal date, which will hopefully line up with our family engagement evening. The middle school will be opening 3 sections of 6th grade with up to 33 in a class with more likely 30 in a class.

3. CEP update - We have four goals this year with the first being rigorous instruction, broken up between the middle and elementary school. At the elementary school we expect to surpass our first goal around rigorous instruction based on data from teachers. At the middle school our mid-year data projects that we will meet our goal by the end of the year. Our second goal is around collaborative teachers, this is being met at the elementary school with data pending from the middle school. The third goal is about assessing teacher practices in giving clear criteria and providing feedback as to what level students are giving each other feedback and self-assessing. Based on current data all of our teachers are on their way to scoring effective or highly effective in these practices. The final goal is around strong family and community ties in increasing family involvement and parent awareness of what is happening at the school. We did not have a mid-year assessment for this so we do not have as much data to reflect on at this time.

4. Core Value Action Teams:

Inclusion Team

Elizabeth, Edwin, David and Annette

Team is working on coming up with a summer activity for the middle school.

Inquiry Team

- Betty, Maria, Yan and Kristina

The team discussed the long term plans for Spanish language instruction across the elementary and middle school. The idea was raised to see if Edwin could visit a dual language program to get more information of best practices that we might integrate. Maria could also reach out to her daughter's Greek school which is skilled in integrating language and other arts and cultural activities. Other practices could be done such as labeling in both languages or having one morning meeting a week in Spanish.

Responsibility Team

- Matt, Pooja, Minnie and Jill

Jill has been working with community helpers at the elementary school to help during transitions. The team discussed how to share our service learning as projects end in May and June.

Parent Report –

1. Direct appeal update- overall participation increased by 20% during our March Madness campaign. The total pledged or received during March was \$27,271. We also have potential corporate matches. As of 3/31/16 we were at 71% participation. We still have three months to meet our challenge grant goal of 80% which will unlock a challenge grant of an additional \$4,000.
2. Matt has identified where we might need more enrichment so that the PTA can look at these options and research visual arts and music programs. The PTA will then put together a survey of parent preferences.
3. Zumbathon raised around \$2,800 which is a joint endeavour with PS 17.
4. The Gallery Night is April 15th, tickets are \$50 of which \$40 goes directly to the PTA.
5. The PTA needs auction items for the silent auction event on May 15th.
6. The PTA is planning a summer read-a-thon activity fundraiser.

UFT Report - UFT Representatives Not Present

Remuneration Logs – logs updated.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10