

P.S.174Q School Leadership Team Minutes
Friday, November 16, 2012

The meeting began at: 7:40 a.m.

Attendance: Principal Karin Kelly, Nisren Ali, Tami Brown, Pat Evens, Geraldo Maldonado; Gina Mastrogiacomo, Julie Milner, Marie Russell

Observers: Laura Hui, Parent Coordinator

October Minutes were amended and approved.

School Uniforms: The school uniform issue was discussed at the last Parents Association meeting, and it was decided that there was not enough preparation time to conduct a survey during the November P/T conferences. A survey must be conducted by February 1, 2013, and a decision on school uniforms must be made by April, 2013.

Donors Choose: Teachers are continuing to post classroom projects on Donors Choose.

Library: Ribbon Cutting will be held on Tuesday, November 20th. Karen Koslowitz is expected to be in attendance.

Truncation: The Joint Public Hearing was held (see handout Public Comment Analysis). Funding will not be affected at this time because enrollment is high (638 students).

School Data: Everyday Math workshops were held recently to present the changes in the program as they align to the Common Core State Standards. I-Ready has been set up for 4th and 5th grade students. Over the next several days, 3rd grade students will be introduced to the program. Many parents are enquiring about the Headsprout Reading Program. Unfortunately, this program is only offered with one license per student, and is very costly. At this time, it is only being offered as a remediation program. Parents wishing to give their child extra support can log onto Acuity as an available resource. The GATE program has been compacted to enrich student learning (see handout). Reading Level information has been distributed to teachers for their review.

School Website: Current changes to be made: update the GATE section and remove any reference to TAG. G&T tab on home page will stay the same.

Communication: For school emergencies, the school should send out emails and phone alerts. A letter will be sent out asking parents for their feedback on how effective the communication was during the storm. To avoid confusion, it was agreed that the PA should only send communication updates on PA related events. Twitter has been used sparingly. As a professional courtesy, parents should refrain from following teachers on

Twitter or Facebook. If you do need to communicate with teachers it should be done in an email.

Instructional Time: At this time, we are still not sure if days will have to be made up during the February break. The DOE has not yet given its decision. Even if the students are not required to attend, the staff may have to be present for professional development.

Hurricane Damage: The little play yard had damage to the play mat, and a claim has been submitted. No other damage was reported.

Meeting ended at 8:49 am.