

P.S.174Q School Leadership Team Minutes
Friday, December 9th, 2011

Meeting began at 7:45 AM

Attendance: Principal Karin Kelly, PA Co-President Dawn Geniale, Pat Evens, Susan Hammer, Gina Mastrogiacomo, Marie Russell, Nisren Ali, Geraldo Maldonado, Julie Milner
Observers: Laura Hui, Parent Coordinator

November minutes approved by Pat Evens and Geraldo Maldonado.

SLT discussed filling the vacancy because Elizabeth Vogelmann has resigned. After looking at the by-laws it is agreed that a parent can be assigned temporarily if necessary.

SLT trainings are required for the members of the team or their stipend will be deducted. Training is offered on 12/13 between 6-8 pm. Principal Kelly suggested that we ask the trainer to come to our building and we can offer to host other schools.

Pat Evens explained that the kindergarten teachers have decided, with the approval of Principal Kelly, to revamp the kindergarten report card to align it with the Common Core State Standards. The grade will create a report card committee. The grade is hoping to revise the report card by this year but it may take till next year. The kindergarten teachers are doing research to find examples of report cards created by other schools across the country. Geraldo Maldonado explained that at the school where he teaches they are using skedula, a program that is used in high/middle schools for grading.

Marie Russell told about the grants that she has received. One grant has funded a color printer and a digital camera. She also received a grant from Fuel to Play for \$800.00, which will be used for a smoothie maker. Principal Kelly stated that Cathleen Conte also got a smoothie maker for our school. With Fuel to Play our school can get up to \$4000.00 a year in funding. Marie Russell is speaking to Richard Niccolich to see if he could use anything for the gym. There were also a group of social issues books received from the pajama day grant. Marie Russell is now using the books throughout the school – for example the upper grade students will do read alouds for the lower grade students.

Two projects were arranged and coordinated by family parents of PS 174: MOMA which will be in the classroom and the Alley Pond Park which will be a trip. Nisren Ali stated that the PA has set aside about \$7000.00 for residencies. The PA is also sponsoring class trips.

Nisren Ali expressed some concerns that came up at the last PA meeting. Parents are feeling upset that there is no class list given out. They feel like they have no place to turn to when they need support. Laura Hui explained that a class list was sent out for the kindergarten students. As for class parents, due to some of the circumstances from last year and earlier this year it was determined that a class parent is not necessary. In the older grades Laura Hui is relying on the fact that the students / parents have already established a school connection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.