

P.S.174Q School Leadership Team Minutes
Friday, November 13, 2015

The meeting began at: 7:35 a.m.

Attendance: Principal Karin Kelly, Heather Dimitriadis, Pat Evens, Susan Hammer, David Heath, Geraldo Maldonado, Gina Mastrogiacomo, Julie Milner, Marie Russell, Elana White

Observers: Laura Hui, Parent Coordinator, Robert Jancu, parent guest

October minutes were amended and approved.

SLT Bylaws: It was voted and approved, that changes are to be made on the following Amendments- Article 2, Section 3 – Length of Term, and Article 4 – Team Member Elections.

Staffing: The following staffing positions were discussed:

CR-154 – As per Federal Law, ELL (English Language Learners) students must receive additional support. In order to comply with this regulation we now have a second full time ESL teacher to support those students.

Cluster: Funding for an additional cluster teacher has not yet been approved.

Leave: Per diem rate is being used for the salary of the substitute teacher who is covering a maternity leave.

School Budget: There is an ongoing appeal as our school budget is currently over \$300,000 in debt. A link for school budget is available on the PS 174 website.

School Performance Review Feedback: The Superintendent's Report on a recent visit highlighted the following: Celebrations – parent engagement activities, and using assessments in the classroom. Challenges – there should be more classroom strategies in place for additional feedback to students. The Flicker App is being piloted in two classrooms to see it's a feasible assessment tool for teachers.

Extended Day: Extended day (7:40 a.m.- 8:20 a.m.), will be offered for select students who need additional support. Allocation of funds from the City will be applied to this program.

Parent Engagement: a parent workshop will be offered in December (morning and afternoon sessions), showcasing the math resources are available to students on ThinkCentral.

Grants: the James Patterson grant was received for our library (\$2,000 from Scholastic & \$2,000 from James Patterson). A grant from GenerationOn sponsored the recent Family Volunteer Day where bulbs were planted behind the portables, and other volunteer events.

Stock Market Game: a Japanese news crew came to observe our 5th grade students in action. In

addition, one of our alumni recently attended the annual SIFMA event and was subsequently interviewed on Yahoo Finance.

Fundraising: The DonorsChoose projects for Debate Club and Ballroom Dancing need to be funded as the programs have already begun in 5th grade. The PA will try to come up with other fundraising events to help support our residency programs.

Enrollment: The Kindergarten Directory is now available online. Applications begin on December 7th and will run through January. Grade 5 Middle School Applications went out to each 5th grade family. They are due back by December 1st.

Meeting ended: 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marie Russell