



# THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)

## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**October 8, 2014**

In Attendance:

Jodi Hyde - Principal

Alyssa Volpe -K-2nd teacher representative,

Dianne Kirksey-Floyd – 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher representative,

Stefanie Wolf, 6th-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher representative

Nicole Chandonnet 6th-8<sup>th</sup> grade at large teacher representative

Brian Shaheen Elementary at large teacher representative

Robert Moy - UFT representative

Kori Stanton - PTA Co-President

Andrea Goodman – K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade parent representative

Diane Heith – 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade parent representative

Kat Dehaen – 6th-8<sup>th</sup> grade parent representative,

Rina Cohen Schwarz K-4<sup>th</sup> grade at large parent representative,

Deborah Lopez 5th-8<sup>th</sup> grade at large parent representative,

Mindy Wigutow - PTA parent representative

Meeting started at 3:00pm.

I. September minutes approved.

II. SLT Subcommittees and reports – discussion on whether non-SLT members can participate on a committee. Teachers can be asked to join a committee. Committees can ask parents to help or facilitate with issues as support, not to join a committee.

A. Limited Risk (Allergy) Committee- 11/3 Awareness Day. Student will present to classes, list of books to discuss, and a welcome letter will go out to new parents.

B. Community Service Committee- service will be an ongoing but not a monthly obligation school wide. Will list opportunities on the website. Will differentiate tasks between the lower and middle school.

C. Bylaws Committee - Deborah Lopez reviewed Anderson bylaws and the Chancellor's Regulations on Bylaws and raised the following points as potential amendments at the November meeting:

1. Moving forward on adding a student representative to SLT

2. Reevaluate school mission statement (to include integrity, responsibility, and community service).

3. Do we need to add D37 rep? Then would need to add a parent.

4. Change chairperson term to 1 year

D. Enrichment Committee – no report

E. Multicultural Committee - Committees will pick places to visit taking advantage of the diversity that is NYC, and make recommendations to SLT. Teachers will be responsible for logistics.

III. Sex Ed – Ms. Hyde will call recommended educators for kid and parent workshops.

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- IV. Budget – The Administration has asked the PTA Budget Committee for a sizable increasing in funding for a variety of needs. Discussion between the Administration and Budget committee will continue.
- V. Data
- A. School Survey - Important issues noticed.
    - 1. Bullying - Kids seem to perceive more bullying than adults, including both teachers and parents. Ms. Chandonnet will take the issue back to advisory and ask how the kids are defining bullies. SLT suggests that parents discuss the definition of bullying and harassment with their children.
    - 2. Teacher appreciation- It was discussed how to communicate how important it is to recognize our teacher’s efforts.
- VI. Ms. Hyde discussed new professional development symposia at Teachers College featuring Grant Wiggins. His is the idea of backward instruction, identifying the goal first and then going backward, figuring out how to instruct to that goal. It also raised questions about scaffolding and giving our students too much support so they are not given the chance to figure things out for themselves. “Transfer is the goal. Content is the tool”. Our kids need to truly master skills and show it in various situations and not be dependent on prompting or scaffolding given by teachers. The administration is working on how to incorporate this into the curriculum school wide.
- VII. Parent/Teacher Reports: K-2 – No issues mentioned
- VIII. Parent/Teacher Reports: 3-5
- 1. GOAL vs. other activities – frustrations with the scheduling was discussed
- IX. Parent/Teacher Reports: 6-8 –
- 1. PE Curriculum- the Administration will look into the curriculum.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.