



THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Anderson School PS 334

SLT Meeting, January 16, 2013

Minutes

In Attendance: *Jodi Hyde - principal, Diane Heith - K-2 parent rep, Nicole Cardinale - elementary teacher rep, Joy Heinze - PTA co-pres, Laura Mount - 6-8 parent rep, Paul Radvany 5-8 at large parent rep, Leni Cohen -K-2 teacher rep, Robert Moy - UFT rep, Diane Kirksey-Floyd - 3-5 teacher rep, Paula Seefeldt - 3-5 parent rep, Mindy Wigutow - PTA parent rep, Nicole Chandonnet - 6-8 teacher rep, Rina Cohen Schwarz K-4 at large parent rep*

1. CEP - CEP goals have been entered into iPlan. Moving forward to actualize the plan.
2. K-2 response to new CEP goals - Some 2nd grade parents have expressed concern that their children will be doing test prep for two years getting ready for ELA/Math state test, and this is not going to be the case. It all starts in 3rd grade, as that's when they have to learn how to take a standardized test (i.e. how to bubble and write for a specific audience with an assigned rubric). Acuity (pre-evaluation test) happens in fall of 3rd grade, then most of actual prep happens naturally woven through the curriculum, and children who need extra help are offered spot in after-school academy.

Curricular matter is not changing in any grade, teachers are making sure their students can answer questions using proper language and show the work the test is looking for.
3. Grading policy update - Administration has administered an evaluation survey to the AMS teachers to see how the new grading policy is understood and measured. Responses showed that teachers can use a refresher of the policies, and this will happen in the near future
4. Daily News article about one of our teachers/testing issue - this happened at the end of last year and it was NOT the NYS test as reported in the papers, it was an ECLAS assessment.
5. Classes coming down 5 minutes late to lunch - this happens when class behavior causes delays. Teachers welcome ideas for improvement in behavior.
6. Expert series/ June assemblies subcommittee report - In June 2013, all Anderson classes will experience a variety of workshops, seminars, and programs as part of a new pilot program funded by the PTA
7. Safety @ School (including lockdown drill) - the recent lockdown drill went very smoothly. These drills will become just a routine part of the safety drills required in every NYC public school (much like fire drills happen ten times a year).
8. Playworks - this has been a great addition to our school. K-4 has especially benefited from this program and specifically our Coach, Jose. We hope they will continue to work with our school for years to come.
9. Syllabus for non-core classes - Administration will look into creating grading rubric for the different non-core subjects (i.e. art, phys. ed, music).
10. Play yard update - Over summer 2013 our yard will be painted and re-surfaced. Also, a lower basketball hoop(s) will likely be installed for our younger students.