



# THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)

## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

February 26, 2014  
Minutes

In Attendance:

Jodi Hyde, Principal  
Rob Schliessman, Assistant Principal  
Leni Cohen, K-2 teacher rep  
Dianne Kirksey-Floyd, 3-5 teacher rep  
Stefanie Wolf, 6-8 teacher rep  
Nicole Cardinale, elementary at large rep  
Nicole Chandonnet, 6-8 at large teacher rep  
Robert Moy, UFT rep  
Diane Heith, K-2 parent rep  
Paula Seefeldt, 3-5 parent rep  
Laura Mount, 6-8 parent rep  
Rina Cohen Schwarz, K-4 at large parent rep  
Deborah Lopez, 5-8 at large parent rep  
Mindy Wigutow, PTA parent rep

- I. SLT procedures/minutes approval - the January 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. CEP Goals and SLT Priorities for the Year.
  - A. The CEP goals are pending the approval of the superintendent.
  - B. The SLT's priorities are reflected in its CEP goals and its subcommittees. The subcommittees are:
    1. Enrichment Committee. Membership includes Ms. Chandonnet, Ms. Cohen, Rina Schwarz and Joy Heinze. An organizing expert was scheduled to make a presentation at today's meeting to work with the current 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, but she did not appear.
    2. Allergies: Grades 3 & 4: Students with allergies can sit with other students at the end of a table instead of the "limited risk" allergy table. This will be supervised by and TA. Parents can opt out. Ms. Ridder will talk to students in grades 3-5 about "living" with allergies and the cause and its effect.
    3. Feedback on Tablets: AMS needs ipads/computers for research, projects, excel charts, Photoshop, graphs, quizzes and tests. Students and teachers prefer Mac based units.

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4. We are considering Looping grades K-3. If implemented, we will start with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade next year.

(1) Looping: This is the practice of keeping the students and teacher together for 2 years. After 2 years the students are mixed with the other class and the teacher changes. More information can be found here: Looping: Adding Time, Strengthening Relationships. ERIC Digest. by DL Burke - 1997 - [www.ericdigests.org/1998-2/looping.htm](http://www.ericdigests.org/1998-2/looping.htm)

III. Budget Update

A. Strategy/mission for afterschool: Wingspan is the cheapest vendor when compared to other afterschool programs nearby. Parents would like to ask for more choices and for additional sports to be offered if possible.

B. Computer needs: The PTA planned to vote at the last PTA meeting to approve the purchase of a new cart of Mac computers but not enough parents attended the meeting to vote. The vote has been delayed until the March meeting.

IV. Data –

V. Safety Report

A. Another lock-down drill took place this week.

B. School wide safety instruction occurred

C. We received a Reso A grant for \$80,000 to install up to 9 additional surveillance cameras to supplement the ones we have.

VI. Parent/Teacher Rep Reports: K-2

A. Concerns about the long term goal of Spanish. It is an exposure program. The teacher is part time ONLY.

B. The K-2 teacher rep noted that we are now using the Atlas system to record units of study.

VII. Parent/Teacher Rep Reports: 3-5

A. Parent rep reported that everyone seemed happy and it was the best year.

VIII. Parent/Teacher Rep Reports: 6-8

A. Could keyboarding could be taught as an elective.

B. Discussion regarding amount of work and that it comes in waves.

C. The organizer didn't come. Parents would like students to work with a professional organizer. We are searching for one.

D. This time, if your child's average was 90 or above, you could opt-out of PT conferences.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:25pm.