



THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Anderson School PS 334

SLT Meeting, April 17 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*

Approval of Minutes

Homework Load-fluctuates

ELA/Math Prep:

- The Parents and the children are stressed.
- 8th grade is doing a 45 minutes field test in June.
- Opting out option can affect being promoted to the next grade. A portfolio needs to be created to prove the student is ready for the next grade.
- Opting out puts the school at risk of losing funding.

Strategies need to be implemented to manage anxiety:

- Shredding of test prep books
- Primal scream
- Yoga/meditation
- Ice pops and extra recess

Spanish teacher

Younger grades goal is exposure. Trying to find an assistant teacher who will help with Spanish-the one scheduled left the school.

Science

- Add periodicals-National Geographic Kids, Science Magazines
- Science Olympians for younger grades
- Science Fair in 2014

Writing

- A comment was made by Hunter that great writers are coming from Anderson.

Reading : Dyslexia is a medical diagnosis. It will not and cannot be diagnosed by teachers.

Parent Alliance has mobilized and has attended political forums to voice opinions about G&T, Sibling Policy, Increased seats in District 3, etc.

Budget Committee:

The PTA Budget committee has asked for a more detailed plan for the Drama program for 2013/14. The budget ask is \$15,000. The plan is to have Marion Cantone teach an 8th grade elective and an elementary class play; the afterschool program per session will be taught by the music teachers.

6th Grade and 5th Grade had questions about Math. The SLT inquired if they went to the teacher first.. The parents should go to the teachers first about their child and then if they do not get resolution they should go to Principal Hyde.

June Subcommittee reported on scheduled events. See attached outline. More in the works.

Preliminary plans for 5th grade bubble class have been discussed. The plan will evolve. The three 5th grade classes will be their own cohort with three specialized teachers. 6th grade will have an f status math teacher and the same teacher will teach ELA and SS.

Ended at 5:30