

## The Anderson School SLT Meeting minutes December 19, 2012 3:30 PM

Attendees: Jodi Hyde, Principal, Nicole Cardinale-(Elementary Teacher at Large), Diane Kirsky-Floyd (3-5 Representative), Tim Rogers Teacher-Middle School at Large, Nicole Chandonnet (6 to 8 AMS Teacher Representative), Mr. Moy (UFT Chapter Leader), Diane Heith (k-2 Rep), Rina Cohen Schwarz (k-4 Rep), Paula Seefeldt (3-5 Rep), Paul Radvany (5-8 Rep at large), Laura Mount (6-8 AMS Rep), Mindy Wigutow (PTA Rep to SLT), Jeanne Goffi-Fynn (Co President PTA)

We opened with a review of the budget from Donna Smiley. Questions for Donna included Professional Development questions and a few other minor expenditures such as furniture. Most of the money is spent on salaries and we thank Donna for her careful review and spending of the school's funding.

We then proceeded to talk about the subcommittee work completed outside of the general meeting. These were 3 groups which were established in the previous meeting including **CEP, Speaker/expert series, and homework committee.**

**CEP:** (Jodi, Nicole, and Mindy)

Goals are due 1/18. They met and established the following 4 goals:

### **Testing Math and ELA 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

#### **Math:**

1. Increase math scores (73% level 4 in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
2. Un-spiraling the math curriculum
3. National math competitions
4. After school academy
5. Looking at 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for readiness in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math

#### **ELA:**

1. 60% level 4 in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (10% improvement)
2. Socratic discussions
3. Reading discussions
  - a. Balancing skill/analytical vs. joy of reading
  - b. Ex. By Kirksey-Floyd in reading of conquistors
4. Discussion of testing in general

### **5-6 grades demonstrate growth to mastery level (85%)**

1. Combining social studies with ELA
2. Align with common core goals

### **85% of students 2-8 participate in at least one academic competition**

We then moved on to our **speaker series/expert series.** Committee was unable to meet so ideas are still being considered. (Committee includes Joy, Coach Rogers, Rina, Laura, and Nicole). Ideas being considered are:

- Life coaching (Jeff Yalden)
- Challenge day
- Intel talks (science)
- Olympic medalists
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade: organization
- Bullying: perhaps k-4; 5-8 separate series (e.g. Queenbee)

Discussion followed on competition vs. individual growth, talk included more intrinsic motivation.

Thanks for the wonderful food provided by Mindy and Laura.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Goffi-Fynn, PTA co-president