

9/16/16 PS 199 SLT Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Andrea Steinkamp
Anu Sehgal
Danielle Cione
Ellen Shultz
Enrique Gonzalez
JoEllen Schuleman
Karen Kemp
Kirsten Loderer
Liz Sutherland
Louise Xerri
Peter Rockwitz
Rachel Baer
Robert Schlaff
Scott Oscher
Victoria Kopper
Wendy Hutter

Guests:

Theresa DiCristi

1. June 15th **minutes approved.**
2. All members **welcomed.**
3. **SLT Roles established for this school year:** Peter Rockwitz- Facilitator, Ellen Shultz- Secretary, Victoria Kopper & Liz Sutherland- Co Chairs.
4. **SLT Member Training:** Liz told the group about training opportunities either in person or online. Liz will distribute information from the DOE as it becomes available.
5. **SLT Bylaw review:** The bylaws have to be reviewed every 2 years and ours are due this year. The deadline is January. The current bylaws are on our website.
6. **PCB Update:**
(Background summary below from our June 10th minutes. For more information refer to entire section about PCBs in June 10th minutes found on our website:|
The SLT is strongly urging that the SCA and EPA continue to monitor the building after the official end of the trial. There was a commitment to test the building again in fall and a decision will be made after those results as to what if any work continues in the school. The SLT requested that a broader range and number of rooms be tested in Fall, and that the remainder of the roof be painted white to reduce thermal load across all top floor rooms. It also needs to be determined who maintains the air filtration units if they stay in the building after the end of the pilot.)

Louise said the entire roof has now been painted white to help with reducing heat within the building.

Kirsten had a list of areas in the building she wants to have tested for PCBs, many of which had never been tested.

Enrique said an Environmental Hygienist was involved. They spoke with the EPA at a meeting in August. EPA said the “last two tests were within guidelines”. One more test is to be conducted in October.

Apparently the TRC, the environmental company that actually conducts the test, will remain involved even after the pilot program ends.

Victoria and Andrea are going to follow up with the elected officials to see if they can continue their interest and support in pushing this issue with the SCA and EPA.

7. Playground Safety: Louise said the Parks Department would put rubber safeguards on areas of the jungle gym that have potential to cause injuries when school is closed over upcoming Jewish holidays. Additionally the playground in general needs updating.

Andrea said Helen Rosenthal has money to spend every year for capital improvements in the community and perhaps we can propose our playground is in need of improvements.

8. Field Trip Committee: Victoria said every grade has a parent in charge of field trips. For now Victoria is overseeing the Kindergarten trips. She needs a 4th grade teacher to be a liaison but otherwise all grades are covered. Anu offered to work closely with Victoria so she may take over this committee next school year.

9. CEP Process (Comprehensive Education Plan): Louise said it is due October 15th. The next SLT meeting will be an opportunity to review the draft.

10. CEC Zoning and Middle School Update: Wendy attended recent CEC meetings regarding zoning. There are 2 proposals that the DOE have circulated for comment, and based on input so far the DOE are now working on a 3rd option that will be presented to the public by the DOE at the end of September. The CEC are collating comments through meetings, public presentations, and their website which allows written submissions.

We currently have 890 children in our building and we should have around 600. As previously discussed it is important that we reduce the number of enrollments in PS 199 to ensure the safety and quality of education for our students. Both the proposals presented so far achieve this by limiting K enrollments to 5 sections.

CEC meeting dates for the zoning process are on the school calendar, PTA website and are included in the weekly PTA newsletter

Middle School- District 3 have suggested introducing a policy aimed at improving diversity in Middle Schools across the district by allocating a proportion of seats at all schools to low-income students. Discussions are continuing on how this would be implemented but due to the lack of detail Superintendent Altschul said at a recent CEC meeting that no changes to the enrollment process would be in place prior to the 2017-18 school year.

Submitted by Ellen Shultz, SLT