

## 10/21/16 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  
Scott Oscher  
Victoria Kopper  
Wendy Hutter

### Guest:

Theresa DiCristi

### 1. 10/7/16 minutes approved

**2. CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan) Draft:** Louise asked Danielle and Rachel to discuss the reading and writing objective in the draft CEP with the SLT because the teachers had been working on it. Rachel said they had a meeting with 1 teacher present from each grade. They came up with goals for each unit. There was a representative from Teachers College at that meeting who reviewed these goals. Danielle said they aimed for consistency across all grades as well as within each grade.

CEP and Parent Engagement Activities: At our last SLT meeting we talked about teacher presentations at our PTA meetings to help disseminate curriculum information to parents. The teachers agreed with this idea and are holding discussions to determine topics, dates and subjects. For instance, there could be a math presentation focused on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades or reading for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades.

Action: Louise will let us know dates and topics.

Another CEP goal is to increase reading levels in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Louise pointed out reading levels went down slightly last year in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and she thinks it may be because of the large class sizes. In response, this year she added professional development with a specialist in guided reading. 10 sessions have been scheduled with this specialist and the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers. She is also trying to find an appropriate math specialist to provide professional development for teachers across all grades, although there are no specific

Math targets identified in the CEP as the curriculum and student performance has been strong.

The final CEP is due to the DOE on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**3. PCB update:** Rooms are scheduled to be tested for PCBs today. Kirsten's room was added to the list of rooms to be tested. She has been asking for this for a long time. A plan was approved to get the ventilation system cleaned although the timing of this is not known. Results of the PCB test will be assessed prior to proposing a future plan.

Enrique asked if this is the last time to be tested. Theresa and Louise said no.

Liz said Linda Rosenthal, our district State Assembly member, wants to meet with us after we get the results to discuss how we can continue to work to advocate for this issue to be resolved.

**4. Science Center update:** Louise was waiting for an answer from the SCA whether there is a contractor who will build the center within budget. Initial bids were excessive for our budget and did not reflect reasonable value for the outcome we are after. Enrique asked when do we decide to proceed or not. Andrea said there needs to be a discussion with elected officials who gave money toward this project. Louise anticipates hearing from the SCA shortly.

**5. Zoning update:** We maintain our position that PS199 is seriously overcrowded must be rezoned to limit the intake of students to 5 K classes. The current overcrowding and resulting waitlists create confusion and stress in the community. After nearly two years of presentations and community feedback, the DOE is supposed to provide a final proposal for rezoning District 3 on November 3rd, and the CEC is supposed to vote on this proposal on November 9th. But the CEC wrote to the DOE prior to this presentation and outlined their position on what is required in the district to meet the community's needs, reduce overcrowding and address concerns about lack of diversity. It is anticipated that the DOE will respond to the CEC letter in their presentation on November 3rd. It is important that a decision be made before December so that it applies to the 2017 Kindergarten enrollment cycle.

Action: The SLT will write a letter to Carmen Farina, the head of the DOE and the NYC Schools Chancellor, to reiterate the need for rezoning to alleviate our overcrowding problem and also asking for a commitment to limit the 2017 enrollment to 5 Kindergarten classes.

**6. Parents As Partners:** The date is set for January 26<sup>th</sup> 2017. 2 parents (Scott and Anu) and 2 teachers (Danielle and Peter) will coordinate the evening event.

Submitted by Ellen Shultz, SLT