

11/18/2016 PS 199 SLT Minutes

Members in attendance:

Anu Sehgal

Ellen Shultz

Enrique Gonzalez

JoEllen Schuleman

Karen Kemp

Kirsten Loderer

Liz Sutherland

Louise Xerri

Peter Rockwitz

Rachel Baer

Robert Schlaff

Scott Oscher

Victoria Kopper

1. Minutes approved from October 21 and November 7.

2. Parent Survey: Anu has been working on a survey to get feedback from parents about communication and information sharing within the school including, attendance at PTA meetings, potential information topics at PTA meetings, Parents as Partners topics, and methods of communication in general. This is in relation to the CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan) and the Parent Engagement goal as established by the SLT for this school year.

We discussed the survey and had some suggestions on how to improve it.

JoEllen noted the cluster teachers and their subjects were missing on the survey and would like them to be included. Perhaps under Parents as Partners something can be added about the specials teachers.

Action: Anu will tweak the survey based on the feedback and will send it to us for review.

3. PCB update: Louise had some preliminary results from the rooms that were tested recently. EPA guidelines state the levels should be less than 200 in buildings where there are children under the age of 6, such as Kindergarten students. Some spaces within the building are above these guidelines. The results will be public once the EPA has finalized their analysis.

Teachers and Parents of the SLT expressed serious concern that PCBs are still an issue in the building. The SLT is considering how to best address these concerns and communicate with our community.

We need to continue to pressure the EPA regarding the monitoring program, and the SCA regarding remedial work.

Liz said Linda Rosenthal agreed to meet with us to review this issue, and help engage the EPA and SCA at higher levels. Liz will follow up with Linda Rosenthal's office to arrange a meeting.

4. Zoning: Liz suggested we send a letter as soon as possible to the CEC asking them to support our requirement that in addition to creating a smaller zone for PS 199 as part of the larger District 3 rezoning process, that the DOE commit in writing to 5 incoming Kindergarten classes starting 2017-2018, and cap class sizes to 25 for K and 32 for Grades 1-5. This is the only way to begin rightsizing our school.

Action: Liz will draft this letter to the CEC and distribute the draft today. It must get to the CEC prior to their meeting on Tuesday Nov 22nd.

Submitted by Ellen Shultz, SLT