

Leadership Minutes
June 3rd, 2013

* Joanne Allotta opened the meeting.

1. School Safety Committee (Representative Annette Green)

* Annette Greene was unable to attend the SLT meeting because there was no one available to cover for her at the security desk.

*Helene Selter reminded us that all parents must enter and exit the building from the main entrance/exit.

2. Review Minutes from Last Meeting

*Doreen Roman and Amy Karnbach approved the minutes.

*Ms. Allotta advised us that she spoke to the head custodian about the bird spikes. She will have that conversation again with the new custodian.

*Ms. Kaplinsky advised us that Rich, our head custodian, will be leaving us. We will get a “temporary care custodian.” We will be bringing up the 3rd floor bathroom floor issue to the new custodian.

3. Review 2012-2013 CEP Goals

*Ms. Allotta advised us that all goals were met. One of our goals was to focus on text complexity and close reading. Hopefully this will increase the number of students making at least one year’s progress. We also had flexible AIS groups pulled for extra support, grades K-2 in reading and grades 3-5 in math. We completed four bundles per grade, 1 ELA, 1 Science/Social Studies, and 1 Math. In addition, professional development was offered to the staff on Response to Intervention strategies. Finally, we were part of the City’s Teacher Effectiveness Pilot. The new teacher evaluation system was approved as of 6/1/13.

4. Looking Ahead to the 2013-2014 School Year

* Ms. Kaplinsky advised us that we have received the citywide expectations for the next year. There will also be new programs and curriculums in place for the 2013-2014 school year. There is also a grant pending that is related to stems such as science, technology, math, and health. If this grant is given to PS 216, we will be making efforts to link these subject areas and collaborate even more with the garden/kitchen.

*Ms. Kaplinsky also advised us that by Monday, June 10th, 2013, the pass or fail scores should be in for the statewide exams. This will be an indication of who will be held back and/or have summer school. PS 216 will be hosting summer school 2013 and the last day of summer school will be August 9th, 2013.

*By 2016, all valances within public schools across the city will be replaced. PS 216 is on that list.

5. Garden/Kitchen Update

*Family cooking night was a success.

*Construction on the kitchen classroom is progressing.

*Helene Selter suggested that the garden/kitchen staff post signs outside the building to keep the community advised of upcoming events, especially in the summer.

6. New Business

*6/4/13 will be elections for the new PA. Amy Karnbach will be sure to introduce us to the new members.

*Amy advised us that the PA purchased a new graduation banner and it has been delivered. There is no year on it and so it may be used for any year and any grade. It is a similar design and is 16 by 8 feet.

*The PA is waiting for the plaque for the tree to arrive.

*Spring Concert is 6/13/13. The children should arrive at 5:30 pm. Doors open for guests at 6pm to be seated. The show begins at 6:30pm and is expected to end at 8:30pm. The PA will be selling refreshments.

*Ms. Kaplinsky will be attending the Senior Trip this year.

*Ms. Kaplinsky will be attending a network workshop on teacher effectiveness on 6/7/13.

*Ms. Kaplinsky will be attending a District 21 workshop given by the Superintendent on 6/19/13 from 4-6pm.

7. School Leadership Team Remuneration Forms due by 6/15/13.

8. Have a Healthy and Safe Summer

*Ms. Kaplinsky closed the meeting.