

**Leadership Minutes**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

- Ms. Allotta opened the meeting.
- Members Present:
  - Joanne Allotta, Teacher/Chairperson
  - Rosanna LaFroscia, Teacher/Recording Secretary
  - Lori Accovelli, Teacher
  - Merrie Levine, Teacher
  - Maria Rivas, PA President/Parent
  - Karen Ercole, Parent
  - Suzanne Olney, Parent
  - Sandra Ali, Parent
  - Gina Dellolio, Parent
  - Ann Marie Stabile, Parent
  - Helene Selter, Guest/Parent Coordinator

\* Ms. Allotta opened the meeting. She announced that Ms. Kaplinsky sends her regards that she cannot attend the meeting. However, since there is no vote today, we can hold business as usual.

1. Garden/Kitchen

- \*4/7/14 The Garden staff will be holding a benefit in NYC tonight. Guests include celebrities and celebrity chefs. This is why Stacey Slate couldn't attend today's meeting.
- \*The recipe of the month is *2 Warm Bean Dips (white and red)*. This is a recipe designed to teach that plants can supply us with protein which in turn helps us to build muscle.
- \*The next PA meeting will be held on 4/8/14 in the kitchen classroom. Tastings will be available.
- \*Community/Family Garden Days will be held on 5/10/14 and 6/1/14 from 11am-1pm. On these days, the garden is open to everyone in the community. Festivities will celebrate welcoming spring and summer in our garden.
- \*6/12/14 The weekly farm stand will begin. The kitchen and garden staff will be selling produce at dismissal outside the school every Thursday throughout the summer.
- \*The next Fresh Friday for teachers TBA.

2. School Safety

- \*Agent Greene is absent today which is why she is not present at today's meeting. Security/Communication in the garden. Over the past couple of weeks, there has been an increased concern about security and communication with the outdoor kitchen classroom. The garden door is locked and the intercom is being used to ensure safety in the garden/kitchen.
- \*The schoolyard gates are now closed and locked at dismissal times and reopened at 3:15pm to prevent any vehicles driving while parents and students are in the schoolyard.

3. Review and Approve Minutes from the March 2014 Meeting

- \* Maria Rivas and Lori Accovelli reviewed and approved the minutes.

\*The previous PA Meeting, held on 3/4/14, was well attended with approximately 50 parents present.

\*Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended.

\*Applications are in and the deadline has passed for PreK enrollment. Kindergarten letters will be going out to parents for next year.

\*We are currently still waiting for a custodian to be hired.

#### 4. School Survey Update

\*Parent and teacher surveys have been distributed. 67% of the parent surveys have been completed. 69% of the teacher surveys have been completed.

#### 5. Curriculum 2014-2015

\*The lead teachers have attended the final sessions of the ReadyGen and GoMath meetings. The programs have been renewed for next year with changes. Teacher suggestions have been taken into consideration. The writing component of ReadyGen has been modified as well.

#### 6. New Business

\*PreK non-instructional day is 4/10/14.

\*Time Magazine will be at our school on 3/10/14.

\*We will be getting a Chicken Coop. Chickens will be contained in the garden. Eight chickens have hatched and must be cared for and fed, as well as socialized for approximately one month. They will then be moved to the chicken coop. One month later they will begin to lay eggs. The chickens will be laying white, brown, and green eggs. The coop will be built within the next two weeks. Eggs will be used to make food for the children and some will be sold.

\*The excess dirt from the kitchen construction is being removed tomorrow 3/8/14.

\*PA Meeting will be 3/8/14.

\*5/9/14 Mother's Day Sale.

\*Spring Hop will be on 5/16/14 for grades 3 through 5. Tickets will be sold for \$12.00 each.

\*BINGO night was a success with approximately 100 people in attendance.

The next meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

\*Ms. Allotta closed the meeting.