

MS54 BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

School Leadership Team (SLT) Minutes June 10, 2016

ATTENDEES

Teachers

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Meeting starting time at 7:34 am

1. Approval of May Minutes

Approved after minor corrections

2. CEP Goals

Dr. Elster mentioned that the goals established will be included in the documents and on September a review will be made. A discussion revolved around the distinction between goal and action plan. A parent asked for the action plan on supportive environment. Wellness Chair reported that at the last meeting, several 8th grade students advocated for more sport choice. Some parents acknowledged that it is important. It was also mentioned that there is an interest for soccer and dance. A parent suggested to expand soccer so that a team can participate in Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL). The group decided to include in the action plan under "non academic" extra-curriculum activities, 2 athletic sports.

3. Early Academy (EA)/Morning Schedule for 2016-2017

School Based Option, a modification of teacher contract passed with 81% of vote:

- EA be as followed: Humanities on Tuesdays, and Math and Science on Thursdays. The building is open everyday early and students can use the green and computer lab room;
- Starting time 8:40 everyday for consistency purpose. PD will start later.

4. District Three's Special Needs and Socioeconomic Targets/Middle School Admissions

Dr. Elster distributed a form dated 2/11/16 prepared by the CEC3 middle school committee. The CSD3 has the following target for students with special needs: 30%, the current percentage is 19% for the district and MS54 has 12%. The current target will have an impact on the structure of classes.

At the end of January, the school learned that it will have 66 seats less for general education than last year. Those seats will be reserved for students with IEPs in either ICT or self-contained classes. In 2016-2017 out of 9 6th grade classes, 3 will be ICT or self-contained (previously out of 9 classes, 1 ICT class). Teacher mentioned that though the appeal process is not completed at this time, the timing of the target number change is an issue, as a result, there is no space for appeals (currently there are 70 appeals for our school). To date, 386 have been accepted, there will be 6 or 7 non ICT classes. A member mentioned that it is important to think of the SLT role in this matter and what role the SLT can play. A consensus was reached to have another meeting to discuss further the topic. Meeting scheduled on June 24.

5. Biennial by-laws review

Our by-laws need to be reviewed. It was asked to all members to review the by-laws and submit any proposed changes. A parent mentioned the budget to be discussed. The discussion will take place on June 24. The group agreed that only 2 items will be discussed during the June 24th meeting.

6. Parent Member SLT Elections

The SLT election will be advertised.

7. Wellness Council update

discussion made under item 2 CEP goals

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Bal and Susan Trout