

SLT Minutes May 12, 2017

Members in Attendance

	Teachers	Parents	Observers
Elana Elster Principal	Dan Fagen	Corinne Bal	Anne Pejovich
Jerome Kramer	Liz McNulty	Dahlia Doumar	
		Karen Saltser	
Deirdre McEvoy UFT	Alexis Ritter	Tristram Yale	
	Erica Williams	Bill Reinisch	

Minutes

April minutes were not present, will be reviewed at the June meeting

March 10, 2017 minutes were approved, with separate Executive Session Minutes

CEP Goals

The members discussed that a subcommittee would be formed to make goals for the 2017-2018 school year. This group would report back to the Team in June. Subcommittee members include: Dr. Elana Elster, Bill Reinisch, Alexis Ritter and Erica Williams.

The team then reviewed the current CEP goals.

- The school has met the goal related to parent/ teacher onsite communication for parents of students with disabilities.

Currently there are 97 students with IEPs.

72 of those parents attended parent teacher conferences

34 of those students are in 12:1:1 classes and 21 of their parents attended

- Goal 2: the majority of students participated in 2 nonacademic programs
Students took a google survey through their ms54 account about their nonacademic participation
397 responded
The survey asked questions about how participation made them feel about the school and if it helped them meet new people
80% gave positive responses in terms of broadening their social circle
72% gave positive responses in terms of increasing their enjoyment of school
This way of gathering data is an improvement and new. Most students are not used to checking their school email.

A parent reminded the team that Mr. Kyle Wilson's 3 on 3 activity has increased nonacademic participation and is very successful. They suggested we brainstorm more activities like this.

The team agreed to always have review of the CEP Goals at each SLT meeting and have it as a permanent agenda item.

Advisory Update

A committee is being formed and will report back at the June meeting.

Admissions/ Incoming 6th Grade Update

The day of the meeting was the final day to apply for appeals.

12 students had declined their acceptance to go to independent schools.

It was mentioned that of the current 6th grade, 8 are going to Hunter.

Wellness Committee Update

- Teachers have been offered rowing classes

- There is a proposal to have a Wellness Corner in the Lobby of the school with a place for pamphlets and a bulletin board for information.
- Student Wall-this will be in the cafeteria and will be a place for a student voice. Mrs Rosario is working on this with the 6th grade student council. It will be ready for the new school year.
- Jin Shin Jytsu: Currently offered to teachers once a week. It was suggested this also be offered to students.
- Yoga-several combined 8th grade classes are participating and the students are happy. Teachers are participating once a week at 730am on Wednesdays.
- SAVE Room: There is a push to continue to make it a place to relax and decompress. Parents/ Teachers are looking into having the school's art department help make it inviting.
- Wellness Policy Draft: a member of the Committee is going to attend a PD about this and will then formalize the policy. The policy includes such items as including movement in the students' day, availability of the Ryan Center, Health and Wellness, speakers such as Robin Sterns (hoping for something similar in the fall.) Finally, it will include ways to increase participation and involvement in wellness.

A thought about Parent in elections came up during the Wellness Committee recap

SLT By Laws about Elections

- Parents are elected, the Wellness Committee is a subcommittee of the SLT, would the chair need to be elected to SLT?
- Currently there are 4 open parent seats for 2 year terms
- There are 3 open teacher seats for 2 year terms
- It was stated that a parent will act as the Wellness Committee Representative on the SLT

Wellness Goals for the 2017-2018 School Year

- Digital citizenship and use of technology
- Increase health in the classroom-have a certified health teacher
- Sex education for 8th grade
- Gym supplements for upcoming school year-attempt to continue, emphasize importance of PE and discuss removal of nonphysical PE
- PTA proposed budget includes money for Wellness Committee of \$1000, the Budget is voted on June 13

New Business

A parent brought up the incident of a student sending revealing pictures on the internet to 8th graders. The 8th graders were having an assemble May 12 where this would be addressed. It was at the same time as an assembly speaker, Justine Fontaine hired by the PTA. Teachers attended the assembly separately. The assembly focuses on using social media appropriately. Emphasizes the acronym THINK for posting. Discusses virtual relationships vs real relationships. This was funded by the PTA and the principal's discretionary fund.

The team discussed that this was the beginning of a conversation and that there needs to be more assemblies of this nature.

A parent asked about the UFT SBO items and vote in relation to start times and Early Academy. Teachers voted for consistent start times of 840am. They also voted to keep Early Academy on Tuesdays and Thursdays with days designated for specific subjects or by invite by the teacher.

A parent brought up the dress code in relation to warm weather clothing. It was stated that shorts must have at least a 3inch inseam and shirts must have sleeves.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 830am.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Deirdre McEvoy