

PS 41 School Leadership Team Minutes
Monday, March 5, 2018
4:45 – 6:45
PS 41 Library

Members Present: Michelle Caldwell, David Allee, Josephine Koh, Kelly Shannon, Janie Hwang, Alice Marino, Mike LaRocco, Maud Maron, Maya Dorian

Members Absent:, Jamie Hillegass

Minutes prepared by: Michelle Caldwell

Approval of January and February minutes

Principal Updates:

- There is Proposed legislation to create more transparency in PTA reporting
 - We already report twice a year what comes in and what goes out
 - Bill may be precursor leading to requiring wealthy PTA's to donate a percentage of their money to less fortunate schools
 - Total raised by PTA alone does not include or reference what we must compensate for as a result of not being fully funded by government
- Testing Meeting – rescheduled due to weather
- Science Fair – alternate date has been chosen in case of inclement weather
- School safety following Woodland Park incident:
 - Faculty meeting began discussion of how we support colleagues and possibly give teachers a voice to respond to how we best protect our children and ourselves.
 - Tentative plan for March 14th – DOE has not sent guidance/talking points – proposed plan is allowing faculty to walk outside silently together for 17 minutes to share our thoughts and wishes about what's happening. It is not a political statement – there are many opportunities to do that outside of school
 - Message for students is how to have a voice when there is a desire for change. How do we help students see what happens next, esp for 4th and 5th – what are next steps you can potentially take? Some schools are taking time to talk about things like find a student you haven't spoken to or isn't in your group and go out of your way to reach out to them. Faculty cannot and will not engage in any political activities during school hours and we do not want to impart our ideologies to students – more about giving them a voice depending on their concerns
- Report Cards/Conferences – information should not be a surprise; teachers are working with families to make sure there is adequate time and preparedness to address students' progress/growth

Survey:

Homework

- Introduction should acknowledge revisions/changes to the homework policies across grades – we want feedback as to whether it has met expectations. Are you satisfied with homework this year? Why or why not?
- One open-ended question at the end

Technology

- Start with introduction: We intend to use technology wisely and well to enhance student learning and provide access for all.
- Include a list of devices used in school and what programs/goals they are used for

Music

- Music committee is being consulted to ascertain what information they would like to gather from this survey

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Next meeting date: April 24, 2018 at 8:00