

# SLT Meeting 9/18/2019 – Minutes

## Attendance:

1. Cynthia Chory
2. Joe Biehl
3. Gerry Goss
4. Casey Mellili
5. Kesha Brewer
6. Chris Jennings
7. Bianka Crespo
8. Viki Manolas
9. Leanne Gonzalez-Singer
10. Susan Hobson
11. Einat Lev
12. Emily Hardy
13. Guest: District 6 Superintendent Manuel Ramirez
14. Guest: Kim Williamson, Co-President, PTO

## Minutes Approval

- Minutes from June were approved.

## SLT Introductions

- Parent members: Susan Hobson (new), Einat Lev (new), Emily Hardy, Leanne Gonzalez-Singer, Gerry Goss (PTO Co-President), Joe Biehl
- Teacher members: Chris Jennings, Viki Manolas, Kesha Brewer, Bianka Crespo, Casey Mellili
- Officers selected at this meeting:
  - Chair: Joseph Biehl
  - Secretary: Leanne Gonzalez-Singer
  - Timekeeper: Chris Jennings
- Meetings will be governed according to Robert's Rules of Order

## CEP Goals (review of goals set for 2018-2019)

- ELA:
  - 70% K-8 will score Level 3 or higher on NYS assessments
  - Students with disabilities will score 2.2 or greater
  - ELL (English Language Learners): 10% will score 3 or higher
- Math:
  - 70% grades 3-8 will score 3 or higher
    - does not include those who took Regents; most students who take Regents opt out of NYS exams
  - Students with disabilities: 2.5 or greater
  - 3% of ELL will score 3 or higher
- Continue to improve parent communication
- Continue to meet social and emotional needs
- Continue to demonstrate growth in reading comprehension
- Math fluency: articulating answers and explaining mathematical processes.
- Need to form subcommittee to establish CEP Goals for 2019-2020
  - Chris Jennings, Susan Hobson, Emily Hardy volunteered
- Question in Social-Emotional goal: debate over wording of goal to “decrease the number of reported incidents.”
  - Can sound like we are focusing on reducing number of referrals, which may not place interests of students foremost
  - Suggest to put this on the next SLT meeting (revisiting this goal)
  - Trouble with the input system: a drop-down menu requiring a percentage, cannot encompass the spirit of this goal

## Budget

- \$7,057,493.00 total budget (includes PTO, Friends of 187 and other grants)

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### Visit from District 6 Superintendent Ramirez

- SLT members reintroduced ourselves
- Superintendent Ramirez visited to inform the group that Ms. Chory will be retiring at the end of this school year or possibly earlier.
- The Superintendent is already searching for potential replacements
- Community input will be needed; a C-30 process will be started.
- In the absence of C-30 consensus at the time of Ms. Chory's retirement, the Superintendent will have to appoint an acting Principal; it is likely this will happen first
- Once appointed, the Acting Principal must be considered in the C-30 search
- SLT members expressed concern that 187 is a well-functioning community already and does not want or need an appointed principal who intends to transform everything
- Supt. Ramirez expressed willingness to come for follow-up conversations with the parents, teachers, and PTO/SLT
- If all goes as planned, the process will begin formally in March/April
- When a strong candidate is identified, the Supt. will let us know.
- District 6 will be holding a HealthWalk this Saturday to raise awareness about health issues in District 6.
- The district will be tracking expenditures toward, and efforts in, maintaining healthy kids in the district more closely
- There will be district-wide sessions on health topics over the school year; the first will be on cancer prevention, by a New York Presbyterian doctor.

All remaining topics tabled until next meeting.