

The Richard H. Hungerford School
School Leadership Team Meeting

December 11, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Jennifer D'Alessio, Josephine Fox, Karen O'Brien, Jennifer Acosta, Jessica Pizzuto, David Vota, Katie Lee, Jeanne Englert, Julia Luppino, Lori Mora, Kathleen Boyer

1. **Budget:** Al was absent, but emailed that we did receive money for PT and OT supplies.

2. **School/Site Update:** Jen reported that the instructional focus is currently on building students' vocabulary across all classes, including those who use assisted or alternate communication. Vocabulary is reinforced by having a student announce the "word of the day" after the Pledge of Allegiance is announced over the PA system Teachers are encouraged to make sure all students who have devices are using them in class, and that all devices are charged. Jen also said that the school would like to buy more ipads so that each class could have at least 3 or 4. The students work in groups so it would be good if each group had at least 1 ipad to use. There was a discussion about asking elected officials and private organizations for funding to purchase ipads. Members should draft a letter for the team to review and the school can send it out.

At New Dorp, the work on the track and tennis courts has been completed. This is great for our students as they will use the track often for physical education, weather permitting.

Jen said that Kristin thought it would be a good idea for the members of the team to do "pass throughs" of each site. This was done in the past and provided some good ideas about what is needed at each site. For example, at IS 24 classes are shredding, recycling, and learning yoga.

The Wave bucks/Wave store program has been terminated and now we are using the Power of Choice to support appropriate student behavior. Students earn rewards during each period for good behavior. The reward is usually an activity that the student prefers. Jen noted that "computer or ipad use" was the most popular reward requested, and the staff is trying to wean the students away from that.

3. **PTA:** Today, the PTA sponsored a very successful Winter Wonderland. There was merchandise from outside vendors as well as ornaments crafted by our students. About 139 students from offsites visited; the students did well but next year it was suggested that the sites be staggered as the room got very crowded. Julia mentioned some upcoming events: January 15—a professional organizer will speak, preceded by light refreshments and followed by the PTA meeting. All staff and families are encouraged to attend. February 27 is our “Hungerford Night Out” at the Staaten. April 3 is Comedy Night including raffle baskets and in May, PTA hopes to do a flower sale before Mothers Day.

It was decided that the January PTA meeting would be held on January 15 so that the SLT meeting could take place as scheduled at 5:30. Refreshments, the speaker and the PTA meeting to follow. The February SLT meeting would be considered to be at the Hungerford Night Out on February 27, much as we have our June meeting at the Prom.

No other business.

Next meeting Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30 pm at the main site.