

**NOVEMBER 2018 SLT
MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance:

1. Mrs. Welsome
2. Mrs. Daly
3. Mrs. Glynn
4. Mr. Halfmann
5. Mr. Hicks
6. Mrs. Vought
7. Mrs. Sheridan
8. Mrs. Keane

Distribution of CEP folders

Dress for a Cause

In October the school raised \$645 for the Fallon McDermott Syndrome, from which one of our students suffers. 10/22 is the annual day of recognition.

In November we are tentatively scheduled to raise money for the Ima Foundation.

December will be dedicated to the WISH/Greybeards funds.

College Access for All

The school received \$9,000 from the program. Money is used for trips, educational initiatives aimed at getting every child to college.

The focus is on the 7th grade.

We also receive \$2500 to be used for per session

Last year the funding was also used to pay for Elevate Education. This year Elevate is only needed for the 6th grade, at \$3,000, since the current 7th & 8th graders already received the training. Elevate teaches study skills, organizational skills, & time management skills to middle school.

The middle school also did 2 trips last year through College Access for All to St. Johns and Adelphi. They expect they will probably do the same again this year.

\$9,000 is a lot of money to spend on only 31 7th graders. We would like to benefit the entire Middle School with some of the College Access funding.

Algebra for All

Tomorrow will be the first day of the mini sessions for

k-2

3-4

5-8

The idea is to prepare all grades to get ready for learning Algebra. Teaching of mathematical concepts on all levels vs procedural learning

CEP Goal Work

First let's review the Mission Statement. The entire staff has been asked to review the Mission Statement and to provide feedback on how to update it so that we can be working toward common goals.

Today we are working on Goal 2

Supportive Environment

Middle School Students were surveyed through the Student Survey.

This was also last year's goal and it went down even further.

We hope to improve the student response by 20%

29% of Students responded positively to the question about whether or not students behaved well even when the teacher isn't listening.

This is a considerably low number and this team has had discussions regarding whether the students misunderstood the question, or if the negative position of the question was confusing.

Other potential reasons for the low response was a lack of understanding of truly “bad” behavior or the desire to look cool.

There was a considerable spike in “bad behavior” during the corresponding time of the survey, Spring 2018.

Mrs. Welsome & Mrs. Folchetti met to discuss

1. What can we do better?
2. Are we not being tough enough?

They decided that one of Mrs Folchetti’s goals would be to positively impact the Middle School student’s behavior. She is currently working with the 8th grade but will continue working with 5-7 as well during their advisory period.

Mrs. Folchetti Presentation

Mrs. Folchetti went over her PowerPoint presentation addressing Middle School Behavioral Issues.

First, she worked on identifying behavior issues occurring during middle school lunch as well as 4th & 5th grade lunch. She along with Mrs Welsome agreed that they needed a formal intervention program.

- She started with 8th grade during their advisory period
- She used a PowerPoint presentation
- “What are your beliefs about how we should behave in school?”
- Turn & Talk
- Brainstorm
- Create a “We believe...” list
- List 2 qualities that students should possess
- Making good choices, etc. were some of the answers
- They created a guiding statement that will be hung in the cafeteria and in the middle school wing
- Behavior reflection sheets will be used in the MS and possibly in the lower grades
- The 8th grade teachers asked for Section Sheets with a points system to be used in the Middle School. Points are assessed based on behavior, uniform, work completion, etc.
- Section sheets may be brought down to grades 3-5
- Will be looking at OARS reports to see where “hot spots” are
- The cafeteria is always a “hot spot”
- They are looking at adding signage to the cafeteria reminding students of behavioral expectations

- Last year Mrs. Folchetti set up Lunch as a class in Pupil Path in order to write up anecdotes to keep parents aware of their behavior on a regular basis.

Beautiful Me Program from the Hance Family Foundation

8 staff members have been trained to administer the program including Mrs. Welsome. We have just completed our first group with 5th grade girls. Sessions will continue with all 5th and 6th grade girls.

Next Meeting

We will be working on our next CEP goal of Rigorous Instruction