

The Children's School Minutes from October 21 2015 SLT Meeting

Kris Percival, is a parents rep on the CEC for District 15, introduced herself and spoke about the work of the CEC. Kris said that some middle schools were more sensitive to the needs of children with an IEP than other ones. Big concern for parents is whether or not to drop the child's status as having an IEP. Mr. Artie offered a tour with the Children's School Parent Coordinator.

Ms. Sandi received an award for Outstanding Dance Education Researcher from the National Dance Education Organization. The National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) is a non-profit organization that provides dance educators with resources and support, and generally promotes the art of dance.

An email went out about hiring another science teacher for the early grades. There is no money in the budget for it. Angela suggested exploring the idea of starting a science lunch club.

Principal's report: the draft copy of the new CEP was sent out to all SLT members. Tweed has already given preliminary approval of the draft. The CEP is still being fine tuned and comments can still be made.. The CEP is supposed to be finalized by October 30. David Tipson asked about clarification of the role of the SLT. We talked about having another review of the process of developing the CEP outside of the regular SLT meeting time. Teacher parent conference day is November 5. Lesson observation day is November 17th. Chancellor wants to see more family engagement. We do a lot of family participation here. "I want to acknowledge the amount of hard work that staff do. It's admirable. They are trying really hard. Most parents see this and get it. A few are dissatisfied."

"It's much longer than a 6.5 hour day. Lunch, evenings and weekends are spent planning for the classroom time. I can't believe how much time collaboration takes. A team has to be very involved."

"A lot of time we can't respond to email until after school ends or later."

UFT: not much to report. We have a good situation.

PTA: book fair is coming up. Roots and Diversity festival is on November 14 from 5:30 to 7:30. (note taker's comment: last year the food was super excellent with a very diverse range of offerings).

Diversity Committee: we are under the gun to get the word out on kindergarten admissions. We need bodies to get the word out in Sunset Park and Red Hook.

Expansion: nothing to report.