

SLT meeting of PS 372
1/20/2016

Note: December's minutes wrongly included Annete Stutto at the C30. She was not present.

- Steve reported that the "fighting Islamophobia" meeting was well attended. Several initiatives were discussed. 1) Carol Tureski (5th grade parent) who teaches at an international high school will have her Muslim students club come and meet with our kids. 2) Tell the story of Mohammad Salman, the Muslim first responder who was initially thought to be a terrorist. 3) Putting up some signage on the exterior of the building. Find out from TWEED if possible. 4) Trying to include the community at large. 5) Having an interfaith panel for TCS parents and staff.
- Rosa – Principals Report: Rosa Amato finished her first full week! Feels supported and is posting the Assistant Principal job. It will be up for ten days. There will be a c30 meeting for that roll. She was appointed on 1/11 and confirmed on 1/16. The school had a visit from the interim acting D75 superintendent Kettler Lusant. Artie is helping with reports and budgeting until we hire a new AP.
- Michael – UFT Report: Not much new news about the recently enacted evaluation system. May have news on 2/15. UFT met with the new administration and it went well. Good news that the 20% of teacher evaluations that was based on state test scores has been eliminated.
- Nicole – PTA Update: Doug Dugan rolled over his PTA funds and is buying laptops for all 4th and 5th graders, and passing on the old ones to other students. Valentine's Day Dance is 2/6. A question was raised about whether or not people should be allowed to win more than one prize. There was also discussion about how to confirm who won which item at a raffle. Cathy suggested we take a photo of the winning ticket with the item. Nicole will take the idea of the one win per customer to the executive board. There was some concern that we don't have enough volunteers for the spring Gala. It has no chairperson. The date is 5/14. Last year that was some contention among the committee and they need fresh faces.
- Steve – Diversity Committee: The committee has been working hard at outreach. They have visited the Gowanus Houses and the Wycoff Houses and the early childhood centers in the area. If we get 17 kids to apply they will be happy with that.
- Lucia – SECB: We are using the C.A.R.E.S. model that is outlined by responsive classroom. There is very little parent involvement at the moment. We need to try new people. It was suggested that we meet virtually to get more people to be involved.
- Angela – Expansion: We are still looking at the idea of suggesting people try 443 or 839 as a "feeder" school for our students.