

SLT Meeting Notes -- 1/22/16

In attendance: Lisa Siegman, Jessica Harvey, Andrea Franks, Katie Kaufmann, Amie Schindel, Stephanie Kim, Tessie Nam, Yin Ho, Naima Freitas, Patricia Laraia, Karen Wong

Mixed Grades Survey - Yin

- will be called "P.S. 3 Grade Composition Poll".
- Comments from SLT members on initial draft were similar -- i.e., there needs to be equal treatment of both sides so as not to show bias; need for parallel questions. There was also feedback indicating that a section for ICT families needs to be added.
- will include a section for Administrators, Teachers (including support staff), Parents and Alumni.
- Alumni section was a challenging part of the survey to build. Target alumni is kids currently in grades 6-12. High school kids can answer on their own. Younger kids may need help from parents to answer questions.
- will be on Survey Monkey and will be comprised of 108 questions (up to 5 children/family) including multiple choice, drop-down menu & comments.
- Sample will be sent out to SLT members. Please give feedback and comments ASAP, so that we can approve by 1/31 and disseminate in February. If you decide to do a run-through of the survey (i.e., complete the survey), please verify validity of your answers, letting Yin know whether you were simply testing the survey or actually submitting real answers. Survey will be open for one month and close at the end of February. We will analyze data in March and anticipate holding a town hall in April, just before Spring Break.
- Methods of dissemination: Class Parents, database of alumni from Dan O'Sullivan, Facebook, P.S. 3 website, eBlast. It was suggested that a memo be sent out to teachers about not "friending" alumni/kids on Facebook.
- Guidelines for completing survey: 1 per email address per category (i.e., as teacher, parent, alumni, etc.).
- Jessica noted that most of the comments from teachers were not incorporated into the survey.
- It was made clear that this is not a decision-making poll but, rather, an informational poll.

Arts Magnate (Naima)

- Spoke to Shino about how to maintain diversity at P.S. 3. Shino said that rezoning would be very challenging.
- Opening of new elementary school (property owned by Trinity) at Canal & 6th Avenue may take demand off zoned seats
- New St. John's Terminal housing development (opening within 5 years) will have 500 affordable housing units, which will add diversity to the neighborhood.
- Lisa spoke with Bonnie LaBoy (D2 Superintendent) who told her that there is huge competition for G&T seats in D2. The question of how many zoned students there are in our zone came up, and that the types of families moving into the zone are not looking at public schools for their children. There is

currently deliberation over whether 75 Morton will be a one or two-track school. Bonnie suggested that the solution to drawing more diversity is to get our test scores up.

- Lisa's goal is, ultimately, to extricate us from DOE admissions protocol in order to maintain/increase diversity.

- Stephanie brought up the distinction between an "integrated arts" vs an "arts-based" curriculum.

- The question of what an "integrated science" curriculum looks like was also discussed, and Lisa stated that parents have the perception that we are lacking science in our curriculum.

- Jessica brought up the idea of making PS3 a PROSE school

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