

**PS 199 SLT Minutes
January 7, 2011**

Attendees:

Katy Rosen	Mia Spolan
Michelle Ciulla Lipkin	Sarah Colmaire
Rebecca Hank	Sandra Levy
Kirsten Loderer	Jamie Zucker
Mary Hughes	Tamara Cella
Peter Rockwitz	Ted Henwood
Pat Bleichman	Theresa DiCristi
Debbie Schulman	

1. SLT Minutes: The minutes of the SLT meeting on December 17, 2010 were approved.

2. 5th Grade Assistant Teacher: Sarah Colmaire read to the group a thank you note from the 5th Grade teachers expressing their appreciation for the benefits of having an assistant teacher.

3. Parents as Partners: Parents as Partners night is scheduled for January 25, 2011. Parents will be offered the opportunity to preregister for workshops. There will be 200 spaces every hour at the workshops, which was believed will be sufficient to accommodate the number of parents attending the event. Some workshops will be grade specific. Others will be of general application. The listings will identify the workshops being offered, without the names of the teachers conducting the workshops.

4. Curriculum Enhancement: Some of the ideas offered in parent responses to the curriculum enhancement survey were discussed, including the BioBus and Story Pirates programs. The SLT curriculum enhancement committee will arrange to meet before the next SLT meeting with the parents who responded to the survey, to discuss the ideas they offered. Other ideas to be followed up on include creating a binder and database of trips and other events, having grade reps who can work with teachers and research and coordinate trips and events. A concern was expressed that the SLT show concrete results in this area. Katy believed that the incorporation of enhancements into the curriculum was a process that was slow at times, but ultimately yielded results.

5. PTA Update: Michelle reported that a family foundation has provided \$25,000 in funding to the PTA. It is possible that these funds could be used to

pay for a science residency. On safety, Michelle and Eric Shuffler met with the Department of Transportation to discuss safety improvements along 70th Street, including a delayed red light and red light camera at the intersection with West End Ave, and making the 200 block narrower. It was felt that the street is so wide on this block that it encourages vehicles to drive too fast.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hughes