

**PS 199 SLT Minutes (revised)
March 11, 2011**

Attendees:

Katy Rosen	Christine Annechino
Michelle Ciulla Lipkin	Sarah Colmaire
Rebecca Hank	Sandra Levy
Kirsten Loderer	Jamie Zucker
Mary Hughes	Tamara Cella
Peter Rockwitz	Harvey Kaufman
Pat Bleichman	Shewonia Bowman
Debbie Schulman	

1. SLT Minutes: The minutes of the SLT meeting on February 18, 2011 were approved.

2. SLT Training: There is an SLT training event for SLT members on April 7, 2011 from 4 to 6 p.m, at 154 W. 93rd Street. . Michelle announced an upcoming Town Hall meeting for District 3 with Chancellor Black on May 23, 2011.

3. CEP Mid-year Progress Update: In the CEP for this year, it was planned to have paraprofessionals help the teachers with setting up the Foss science kits, which is very time consuming. However, it was felt that it would be more effective to hire a substitute teacher to assist with set up. So, starting with Grade 2, a substitute will come in one day a week to set up the kits. Science will be taught on the same days for all Grade 2 classes. In Grade 4, science will be taught for 2 periods a week, borrowing one period from Art.

It has been difficult to find outside resources to support the science curriculum. Katy reported that she recently took a tour of the Manhattan School for Children's greenhouse located on the building roof. The greenhouse is run by SunWorks, which also runs the Science Barge. It cost about \$750,000 to set up. The Dept. of Education's School Construction Authority and School Facilities unit were involved in the process. The greenhouse is geared to teaching K-8 students about hydroponics and sustainability. Rain water is collected on the roof and used to grow vegetable such as lettuce and cherry tomatoes from seeds. The school has dedicated a teacher to be in charge of the greenhouse, and there is a parent committee which takes care of maintenance. SunWorks provides technical support and maintenance. It also assists with raising funds from a variety of sources so that the PTA would not have to take on the bulk of fundraising efforts. It is the type of

project that could be covered by a grant from the office of our local council person Gale Brewer.. There is an April 1 deadline to apply for the grant. There was general support among SLT members to have Katy look further into the project. It was suggested that teachers in the school be polled for their level of interest in and ability to support the project. If the project goes ahead, it would most likely be installed over the summer of 2012.

4. Number of Classes for 2011-2012: It is projected that there will be 6 classes on each grade from K through 3, 5 classes in 4th Grade, and probably 3 classes in 5th Grade, a total 32 general ed classes and 2 special ed classes. So, it is expected there will be an overall net increase of one additional class next year or 2 additional classes if there are four fifth grades.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hughes