

School Leadership Team PS 144Q
Minutes for April 29, 2011

Agenda: What are appropriate agenda items for SLT, Clusters for next year, Teacher sabbaticals/retirements, and Music curriculum

Meeting called to order at 7:00 am

Agenda Items –

A discussion was held about what are appropriate items for the agenda of SLT. School wide issues that have to do with curriculum, the Comprehensive Education Plan are appropriate. There can be no discussions about specific staff members. Parents should always try and address issues directly with a teacher first and then bring it to the Parent Coordinator, PA and Principal.

Clusters –

Ms. Schneider surveys the teachers about what clusters do they think are needed. Ms. Schneider takes the results into account when she determines what the clusters will be. The number of clusters is dependent, in part, by the number of classes there are. Each classroom teacher is entitled to one prep period and one lunch period a day. The class is covered during the prep period by a cluster (such as gym, computer, art, library). There was some discussion of the need for a science cluster. The clusters will be determined once the number of classes is set.

Sabbaticals and retirements –

Several teachers have applies for sabbaticals for next year. It is still unclear how many teachers will definitely be on sabbatical next year. Salaries for teachers on sabbaticals do not come out of PS 144's budget. Teachers being out on sabbaticals do help maintain more positions in the building, as the position still must be filled.

Music curriculum –

After much discussion as to what was appropriate to discuss and what wasn't, Ms. Kwok, Ms. Kampton and Ms. Weiss agreed to look at the guidelines for the music curriculum and make some recommendations as to how to better integrate the curriculum with the rest of the classes. Ms. Olshan also volunteered to help review this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am.

Next meeting – May 27 at 7:00 am in the library.