

## MMS SIT Meeting March 14, 2016

### **In attendance:**

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### **•Approval of minutes-Approved**

### **•Public Comments - None**

### **•Student Announcements - None**

### **•PTA Announcements -None**

### **•Chair Announcements - None**

### **•Principal's Announcements -**

- ∞ Summer school is still being decided, looks like it may be different this summer.
- ∞ Testing schedule set and will be sent out in the next few days
- ∞ York will be leaving w Rayfield in PA for Institute of Restorative Practices conference, they will become certified trainers. Gone for remainder of the week. Teaching children that some harm was done in the process as opposed to just a rule being broken. Grants were written to help fund.

### **"How are things going?" (as a SIT)**

- ∞ Hauf-What do we really do?
- ∞ York-SIT is a discussion body, we represent our parents. Bales over-prepares so that there are not as many questions. It may come across as the decision has already been made, but in actuality, he is trying not to waste SIT team's time.
- ∞ Hauf-EC communication is not effective, cannot get response from people that are contacted  
Communication through SIT has been good, but is not the case with other staff members.  
She has difficulty getting information through meetings (not SIT), asks questions because she is curious, but often times questions are skirted. Teachers are not dealing with IEPs and Brenda feels like she is hitting a brick wall. Nicole assured Brenda that there was some follow up to her concern.
- ∞ Johnston-was concerned about the lack of a gifted specialist last year, her son has an AIG DEP. She has not followed up this year after the frustrations of last year. Lippy informed team that there is a full time gifted specialist this year.

York-concerns need to be brought to admin attention to be able to address issues:

\*Returning phone calls/emails promptly - should be within 24 hours (ALL STAFF)

\*After/before IEP meetings some time to ask questions or get more information on accommodations...how they are arrived at and how they will be implemented. Same information should be made available for AIG students.

\*Events need to be better communicated/advertised....especially from the district level opportunities for EC/AIG - better implementation of calendar on web-site from district and MMS.

\*Express our concerns/solutions to Lincoln Center about better communication for EC/AIG students. Perhaps suggest a calendar or a link on the district web-site which the other schools can access.

\*Possible Suggestion/Solution #1: AIG specialist should send information at the beginning of the year about how each student is being challenged and what is going on in the classroom. With the beginning of the year AIG document (DEP?) perhaps a note including how each teacher will meet these needs.

\*Possible Suggestion/Solution #2: AIG Open House at the beginning of the year.

York will be "go to person" for Hauf for getting EC information out, Hauf will work on putting information together.

Walker-every assignment is differentiated in LA and SS, different levels, challenge points, how are children being challenged, etc

On other teams you will typically see three options for test taking. 8th grade team takes it very seriously that tests are differentiated.

Tymann-Shout out for tornado warning for all of the staff that were here.

•**School Board Member Sharing** - Not present

•**Items from February 2016 meeting:**

New Board Member-Joal Broun

•**Items for next month's agenda:** IEP/DEP clarification/communication.