**World of Inquiry School**

**SBPT Agenda**

**March 1, 2018**

**4:00-5:00pm**

**Facilitator: Nicole Brye McCoy Time Keeper: Secretary: Jamila Suhail**

**Members Present:**

*Sheela Webster, Yousuf George, Gina Porretta-Baker, Robert Bond, Eman Muthana, Nissa Youngren, Nancy Resto, Jessica Flanders, Jamila Suhail, Jessica Aldinger, Nicole McCoy, Kerry Robertson*

**Absent**: Kim Garlock

**Agenda**:

**Review and Approval of minutes from the January Meeting 4:00-4:05**

**Few revisons made and approved by Nissa Youngren**

**February Events: Update and review**

**Hijab Day**

**More than 20 schools participated and pictures have been posted online. Eman has submitted her work for the Princeton award and her presentation is March 19th at Allendale Columbia School. It is open to the public at 6:30.**

**Black Lives Matter**

**Went well. Most teachers participated in an entire week while others only did one day. Every day of the week during high school lunches there were very powerful circles happening.**

**Sheela: There were some passionate and heated discussions. Some then led to other circles with difficult conversations. Those conversations led to other discussions and work on the topic with the students and relayed back to parents. With the second circle and hopefully with the third the difficult situation will evolve to more understanding.**

**High school students said that all they have done is learn about slavery since third grade but they haven’t heard anything positive. We need to make more opportunities that are more focused on current events and making note of more positive things happening.**

**Bald for Bucks at St. John Fisher College (whole school field study) Sheela**

**It was a crazy endeavor but it worked without glitches. It was a nice K-12 event. The teacher band stole the show and they will be back for additional performances for the school. Overall kids were great and kids were great. Many elementary kids were spontaneously donating their hair.**

**We won’t do a whole school fieldstudy again for another two years.**

**March Events:**

**March 14: Student Council Crew Led- #Enough- National Walkout 4:15-4:20 Eman and Sheela**

**It should only be student led. Possibly walk to MLK park. Maybe April 20th will be used to have both teachers and students engaged in activities. Another meeting will be happening tomorrow to finalize the plan. Yesterday Student Council discussed the plan because it is a national walk out. Make it K-12 but each group doing it in their own way and doing the movement respectfully. What are the local connections? Trying to get all students to understand the local connections and understanding the purpose.**

**March 24th there are marches happening in the community**

**April 20th the anniversary of Columbine, having school wide activities to create awareness.**

**What are some things that SBPT team can share to give to Student Council to help in planning?**

* **17 minutes outside may be too long for some students**
* **Pair secondary with elementary to have a buddy system to help- Kerry**
* **Time?**
* **What about for some kids who do not know about what happened in Florida and what is happening? How do we address this with younger ones so they are not scared?**
* **Bringing it the right way and time.**
* **What do we do with students that don’t want to walk out.**
* **Buddy system great. Visual would be good for little and the older students. Sandy Hook and Parkland.**
* **Student council came with the idea of talking about gun violence and its impact. Taking a stance against gun violence. We do have students that have been exposed to gun violence. Ron Berger had a note about being exercising our civil duty.**
* **Kerry Robertson created a script for a circle to help with younger students and us understanding what they know.**
* **Student Council was very conscious about not leaving out the elementary students.**
* **Maybe the whole school circling in MLK park?**
* **Students did have conversations about being uncomfortable with teachers having guns.**

**March 23 Early Dismissal Professional Development Plan: 4:20-4:30**

* **Secondary will be looking at the secondary handbook and give feedback moving forward. Looking at updating many of the pieces.**
* **Design task crew time.**
* **Elementary teachers will be working on SLC’s and SLC committee running the meeting and have teachers use the Habits of Work and how to incorporate them into your SLC’s.**
* **The RACE summit also occurring that day and kids and teachers will be attending. It is a Monroe County piece. Student Council will be attending.**

**Update Focused Committee Work for Second Semester 4:30-4:35**

* + **Uniform Committee**
  + **Secondary Teacher and Student Handbook Revision Committee**
  + **There is a secondary teacher practices book. In 2012 they found they needed a book to know what expectations were needed as we grew into a secondary. It was teachers writing the book for teachers. We are now 6 years into the work and there are pieces that need to be revised.**
  + **Crew Committee- Robert Bond, Laura Drake, Alden Fici, Rebecca O’Connor, and Gina Poretta-Baker, they are in need of a student and parent to serve on this committee**
  + **They will be working between now and June. Hoping to have a final version before school lets out.**
  + **It will help all know what expectations in detail. Gina and Robert will be able to report out in May.**

**Forming the Fundraising Committee for WOIS (to streamline process)**

**Begin a design task committee. Including leaders from grade levels. Look at opportunities. We need a central way of streamlining all of the events and fundraising. Also adding community partners and PTC. We need a more consistent process to outline who is raising money, when, and how.**

**Sheela will help form the committee.**

**Suggestion: Google docs. Having a uniformed way of noting what and who is doing what.**

**Put it in the school calendar by JUNE. Even preliminary dates. Long term trips yes. Then keeping google docs open.**

**Update on Budget and RTA Voluntary Process (Interview Committee)**

* **The D&C noting a budget deficit is not necessarily true. Sheela has been to 2 budget meetings and they have actually been more fruitful. Staffing what the district has was negotiated. Sheela did ask for another assistant principal. Without having a special education coordinator has been a great burden by adding on to others. The district does recognize the need for a CASE, and they do see the need for another administrator; it is going to the budget and we will see what the outcome will be. The assistant principal will be in addition to the .5 CASE. We will wait for the approval. The process really is about long term planning. With all of the administrators being the same age, we need to build a sustainability plan.**
* **Compared to other buildings we have less administrators in comparison to the number of students.**
* **Also, we have asked for additional clerical to support with CSE and counselors.**
* **RTA voluntary process- In progress now. Due March 23rd. Following that we will be setting up interviews. We will have vacancies. Hopefully we will see applications by March 26th. Interviews by the first or second week of April.**

**Interview Committee:**

**Kerry Robertson, Jessica Flanders, Jessica Aldinger, Nicole Brye-McCoy, Gina Poretta-Baker, Nissa Youngren, Robert Bond, Jamila Suhail, Nancy Resto, Sheela Webster, Kim Garlock, and Eman Muthana**

**One more parent will be joining SBPT. Demetrius Brown and will be joining us for interviews too.**

**PTC Update**

* **They are meeting tonight about the OPT out movement. Federal administration is looking to hold students who opt out as though they have failed.**
* **Yousef from a parent perspective- the tests are meaningless. That there will be problems when they punish the children and will open up for lawsuits. It is the Federal government.**
* **They focus on 3-8 as a way to hold schools accountable regardless of our graduation rate being higher than the state average.**
* **Theme for the next calendar: possibly brought up by Mahreen George “Ubuntu: I am because we are” Inclusive of Black Lives Matter and peace circle training.**

**Agenda for next meeting: (May) 4:55-5:00**

**No April meeting because of Interviews**

**Secondary Handbook**

**Uniform Committee**

**SLC update**

**World Day**

**Voting on the Theme for next year’s calendar**

**Fundraising Committee**

**Design Task Team updates**

**Graduation**