

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2013

Chair: Heather DeLollis-Fitzgerald

Attendees: Heather DeLollis-Fitzgerald, Pat Holliday, Lisa Rogol, Bridget Stump, Myra Gildenberg, Peter Tattersall, Aileen Beck, Gail Magid, Kim Schneider and Elder Yuzbashev.

Welcome: Given by Heather Fitzgerald.

Principal's Report: The report was given by Pat Holliday. November 15th will be the last day for Mrs. Kipnis. Mrs. Biringer, Resource Center teacher's last day will be winter break.

Achieve NJ: Observation changes have been implemented for teachers and leadership positions. There is now a minimum of three observations per year for tenured teachers; previously this occurred once per year. Achieve NJ looks at growth in a way to measure students' success, as opposed to "achievement focused." Focusing on informational text will help us to continue to achieve our goals.

No Child Left Behind: Last year's goals were all achieved.

Dance A Thon will take place February 14, 2014.

Safety and Evacuation drills are still ongoing to meet compliance. The upcoming drill schedule has been submitted to our police liaison, Sgt. Gene Rickle. In addition, the front door glass will be treated to become resistant to bullets etc.

Halloween Parties: students will change into costumes and wear them home. No masks/weapons/full face make up.

STEM initiative: (Science Technology Engineering and Math) Fourth grade class will be invited to participate in a voluntary Invention Convention. The contact person is Dr. Aparna Rajagopal.

Bedtime Stories: Overall it was a very successful night. We had 77 families and used eight rooms. Logistics worked very well with teachers coming to pick up their own milk and cookies from the room. The only negative feedback was that it was difficult to see the book on the projector screen from the back of room. We believe this will not be an issue last year since there was a problem with the length of the microphone cord which forced the equipment to be moved closer to stage.

Math Science & Tech Night will be Thursday, January 23, 2014. We will continue similar format as last year, including the Star Lab.

The **next meeting** will be held on December 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Faculty Room.