Red Hook Central School District
Linden Avenue Middle School
BLT Minutes
October 15, 2018

In attendance: Stacie Smith, Becky Wood, Diana Pena-Perez, Merisue Pozniak, Suzanne Ellis, Christopher Wood

Member absent: Josephine Wilber, Michelle Tovcimak

Old Business:

The minutes from the April meeting were review and accepted. All were in favor.

- Recess equipment and activities
  - The topic of recess equipment and activities was revisited. It was the consensus that the new playground apparatus is only sparsely used. Becky noted that she has tested the equipment herself and finds it challenging. There is a safety limit of 6 students on the equipment at one time.
  - The possibility of additional equipment was suggested, including swings
  - The initiative to provide indoor activities, such as puzzles, games and art supplies is ongoing. Students are using the materials currently provided.

- Website and email addresses
  - The RHCSD website was revised and there is now information about BLT and a BLT email address created. The hope is that parents and members of the community will use this email address to submit questions and suggestions for the BLT.
  - The goal of the website and email address is to increase and improve communication with the community, both by receiving feedback as well as informing the community of the current work of the BLT.

New Business:

- Plan for BLT 2018-2019
  - SEL Focus – Suzanne spoke of the purpose of the Social/Emotional Learning goals and how the school can achieve them.
  - A suggestion to pursue a grant to help bring in various community members to the school to speak to the students about their own jobs/community service/education.
  - Another important piece for the success of the SEL Focus initiative is parent/community involvement and student interest. The students need to feel engaged in the process and interested in the lessons/activities/assemblies.
- Suzanne suggested reaching out to the Red Hook Education Foundation for guidance and financial support to achieve the SEL Focus.

- Stacie requested that current BLT members bring new ideas for the focus of the team for the 2018-2019 school year. One ongoing concern is improved and increased communication with the community. This was initially addressed by the revised website, additional email address, and increased use of the new twitter account. What other ways can LAMS communicate with the community?

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19. There will be no December meeting.

Submitted by: Merisue Pozniak