

West Side School
School Improvement Team
Thursday, December 8, 2011
Minutes

SIT Members

Staff: Kurt Simon, Maria Rodriguez, Karen Schoenberg, Linda Gerver, and Kristine Tramonte
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Goals: To brainstorm ways to initiate student-led lessons during our indoor recess periods this winter. To review our first West Side Wednesday.

- 🍁 Reviewed first West Side Wednesday.
- 🍁 Suggested creating a contest for our students to name our mascot.
- 🍁 Brainstormed for a form that will allow students to inform the SIT committee of their interests in leading lessons during indoor recess which would give our students a chance to highlight areas in which they are experts.
- 🍁 The form will be the first step in the process.
- 🍁 Time could be spent during lunch periods informing our students about this new initiative.
- 🍁 This could also be a time utilized to brainstorm with our students the many areas they excel in. Ideas brought up we:
 - Card games
 - Magic tricks
 - Dance
 - Origami
 - Drawing cartoon strips
- 🍁 In some of our classes, students will be focusing on what they are experts in during their Writing time which will be a way for them to connect to this activity.
- 🍁 Mrs. Rodriguez has a form that could be modified for our students. This form will be an outline for the lesson plan our students will create.
- 🍁 Students will teach their lessons on a rotating basis during their lunch/recess time.
 - 2nd and 6th graders will pair up
 - 3rd and 4th graders will pair up
 - 5th graders will work with each other
- 🍁 The SMARTboard in the Community Room could be utilized for some students as well.