West Side School

School Improvement Team September 27, 2012 Minutes

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Goals for the 2012-2013 School Year

GOAL 1: To successfully implement the H.E.R.O. Project (H.E.R.O. = Helping Everyone Reach Out)

- Program designed for 6th grade students
- Students will volunteer their time in the fall, winter, or spring
- All students will have a teacher mentor
- 6th grade teachers will introduce the Project to the students as a whole group
- First assignment research local heroes students will share with classmates
- Students fill out form with their top three choices
- ✓ SIT Committee finalizes assignments at October meeting select first speaker
- Lunch with the Principal to discuss goals and reflection at the end
- November 1 Fall group begins

Sample H.E.R.O. Project Assignments:

SEL read aloud w/ grade 2
Main Office Support
Indoor Recess Facilitator
Library Assistant
Spirit Builders - Poster making

Beautification – watering flowers, garden Recycling Campaign Director Spirit Photographer Photographer of Athletics Public Service Announcement Coordinator

<u>GOAL 2</u>: To enhance the experience of our incoming second graders in order to ensure a successful transition.

- Work with 5th graders to help with the transition of our incoming 2nd graders in the spring during First Grade Orientation
- In the fall, when our 2nd graders arrive, our 6th graders would team up with the same students they met with in the spring
- An activity will be planned during the first week to help our 2nd graders feel more acclimated as well as during First Grade Orientation