

West Side School

School Improvement Team

February 26, 2015

Minutes

SIT Members

Staff: Kurt Simon, Bonnie Dawkins, Jim Farmer, and Leah Martin

Parents: Sarah Adler, Cathleen Bauer, Dana Ginobbi, and Ana Shammah

Goal: West Side's 225th Anniversary – *The celebration will take place during one day. The Team is planning for Friday, June 5th.*

- ✎ Teacher update – the staff will be meeting on March 11th to get an update and brainstorm different projects they can do with their students
- ✎ Music – Ms. Martin is working on creating a new song for the event with students in grade 4 – 6.
- ✎ Orchestra and band to possibly play with them.
- ✎ 3rd grade – students will be writing informational texts about being a West Sider
- ✎ Laptops or iPads will be made available for students to celebrate and read on June 5th and for alumni to read on June 6th
- ✎ Limited edition magnets to go on sale in the next few weeks to build the buzz. The 225th anniversary banner is now hanging outside the pick-up circle.
- ✎ Invite former principals for a Q&A session with each grade level.
- ✎ Students can write questions on chart paper for alumni to answer on Saturday.
- ✎ Make gift bags for alumni
- ✎ All time capsule pieces should be out for alumni to see
- ✎ Possibly have merchandise for alumni to purchase: mugs, water bottles, hats, shirts
- ✎ Music on iPad using Pandora and speakers
- ✎ Photographer to capture the event
- ✎ Dinosaur egg hunt
- ✎ Breakfast outside on picnic benches
- ✎ Games for kids – ping pong race, relay races, tug-o-war, scavenger hunt
- ✎ Student volunteers
- ✎ Alumni encouraged to send pictures both current and from their West Side days for bulletin boards
- ✎ Next SIT/Alumni Committee Meeting scheduled for mid-March