

# West Side School

School Improvement Team

November 20, 2014

Minutes

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## 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 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – *The celebration will take place during one day. The Team is planning for Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.*

- ✎ The Team met at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria and invited former staff members and parents to brainstorm possible ways to celebrate the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- ✎ The group was comprised of current and former SIT members, current and former principals, current and former teachers, current and former PTG presidents, current and former parents, and current and former students. The group was broken up in to two teams – team 1 and team 2.
  - Each grade was given a theme: Grade 2 – Friendship; Grade 3 – Memory; Grade 4 – Tradition; Grade 5 – Legacy; Grade 6 – Future
- ✎ Use the Blue Book of West Side's history to be incorporated into the celebration – logo, invitations, etc.
- ✎ Artwork from each grade will cover the hallways on the day of the celebration tying into the 225<sup>th</sup>
- ✎ Dinosaur hunt will be recreated for all grade levels
- ✎ Possibility of West Side gifts – benches etc.
- ✎ Connections to one another
- ✎ "Hands" mural
- ✎ Alumni/artifacts
- ✎ West Side Stories with student writing
- ✎ Jeopardy style trivia – could be played on the SMARTBoard
- ✎ Logo
- ✎ Dedications from alumni
- ✎ Any alumni serving in the military?
- ✎ Facebook connections?
- ✎ Open previous time capsule and add to it
- ✎ Newsroom video prompt – What West Side means to me...
- ✎ Whale icon
- ✎ World map – where are we now?
- ✎ Possible story theme
- ✎ Guest speakers – reach out to Robert Hughes
- ✎ Recess in the "old days"
- ✎ Create anniversary song
- ✎ Recreate balloon launch with bubbles
- ✎ Picture of everyone
- ✎ Flags to represent themes
- ✎ Betty Meinel
- ✎ T-shirts with the themes
- ✎ Daytime activities for students
- ✎ School wide art project for permanent display
- ✎ How will people find out?
- ✎ Utilize Ted's Facebook page
- ✎ Save the Date notice
- ✎ CSH Report
- ✎ District/school website
- ✎ What will alumni do?
  - Possible open house on Saturday?
  - Refreshments
  - Outdoor activities
  - Games for children
  - Old fashioned fair