

West Side School

School Improvement Team
January 26, 2017
Minutes

SIT Members

Staff: Kurt Simon, Jeanette Wojcik, Karen Schoenberg, and Lisa Arena

Parents: Sarah Adler, Lauren Slaven, Jordan Smith, and Dana Lynch

Immigration Goal

In the process of interviewing and editing
Students are helping out
We will review them at next month's SIT meeting

Review of History Goal

Scavenger hunt – think of your audience. Have them collect the data.
New student orientation
2nd grade – second or third week of school – Know your school better
Parent tours
Go through social studies in the upper grades, independently or groups
Students choose which pieces of history we should highlight
Add to website
QR codes? Mrs. Agnello, Mrs. Rivadenyra
Video or voice
All student use the information hanging on the wall
We will create a rubric for the teachers
Research from 225th saved?
Treat like math problem of the month
Morning assembly – show the student's example.

Grit/Growth Mindset Goal

2nd and 3rd grade read alouds went very well
One parent for each class read a grit-related story: *Giraffes Can't Dance*, and *The Girl Who Never Makes Mistakes*, and *The Most Magnificent Thing*
Meetings helped to prepare them and should be continued in the future
Could add to mystery reader program or next year in grade 2
Great feedback from the parents
Plan for 4th graders – Lisa spoke to Natural Helpers – 8 of whom have volunteered
April 27th Natural Helpers will present at 1:35 – SIT parents will come in to support program
One more meeting with these students is scheduled to prepare them.

Moving Forward: Communication Goal – Grit

How do we get our message out?
Posters for each grade – student council – digital ones for the TV are an option too
Got Grit Movie
Post on Facebook? Utilize PTG website, Facebook page
Table at the West Side Run – raffle to give away – “Got Grit”
Raise awareness
District Newsletter

Parents communicating with their kids

Commercial for parents – camp out, spring concerts, talent show, etc.

Friday Notes – A regular tip, dinner conversation starter

Dinner conversation starter –create as a team

Sign at the circle – use when we don't have events

Messages on the TV

Banner for the gym

Quote contest

Poster contest for each grade next year – sign, tv, etc – winning grit poster – possibly select at the Run.

Grit student of the month – keep track