

West Side School

School Improvement Team
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Minutes

SIT Members

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Goal 1: To initiate a Growth Mindset/Grit Speaker Series

Vision: Teaching our students that persevering is an ageless concept

- Grade specific
- How do we recruit?
- Parents talk about how they have persevered in their careers/life
- Guided questions will help speakers to narrow their focus
- Opportunities for older kids to speak to kids
- High School kids could speak to 5th and 6th graders
- 6th graders could speak to 2nd and/or 3rd graders
- Contact the high school
- Smaller groups
- Find an appropriate way to recruit
- **Flyer ideas:**
 - Description of growth mindset and what we are searching for – Coming soon!
 - Definition of growth mindset
 - Looking for people to share life experiences
 - Times when you have persevere
 - Size of group and location flexibility
 - Focus on your child's grade level if you wish
 - If interested, please email Donna
 - Blurb in Friday Notes
 - Got Grit?
 - Do you have grit?
 - Show your kids you have grit too
- Time commitment – can they give more than one talk
- High school community service – could this count?
- Goal: first speaker to come before the end of November
- Goal: 1 per month
- Google Doc for our team to share ideas
- Have you overcome an obstacle? Changed careers and moved in a totally different direction.
- 20 minutes with one class or 3 presentations during the day
- We will help guide you
- Bring in games to make the presentation more interactive.
- Age appropriate
- Kids have to prepare a reason why they could – SIT would review
- Start by offering to 6th grade – part of HERO project
- Teachers – they could speak to other grades about their experiences too

Goal 2: Capture the history of our community for International Day and Earthday Birthday

- Earthday Birthday – Get Ted in Newsroom (HERO)
- Reach out to Mr. Hilton
- Student to Interview
- Select Interview Questions
- Choose different rooms to watch videos
- History of Our School including Mr. Hilton, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Sergie, and senior teachers
- **Immigration Day** – interview parents/grandparents who have experiences with immigration
- Show during Immigration Day