

West Side School

School Improvement Team
September 28, 2017
Minutes

SIT Members

Staff: Kurt Simon, Michelle Byrne, Jane DeRosa and Linda Gerver

Parents: Susan Goldstein, Dana Lynch, Lorena Munyak and Lauren Slaven

Goal: To provide our graduating 6th graders with an opportunity to reflect and celebrate their growth as learners during student-led conferences. In the spring, they will be provided with a chance to speak about specific projects and writing assignments they have completed over their careers.

Notes:

- Team discussed our goal for the year (above) and began a plan of action.
- Students will have voice and choice in their artifacts.
- The team will do research and possibly a site visit to gather more data on student-led conferences.
- The James Baldwin School might be an option for a site visit.
- Grit and kindness will be incorporated.
- Panel will consist of three faculty members and the child's parent(s)
- School Improvement Team will generate questions for the students.
- Conferences will be scheduled for the spring (end of May, early June)
- Conferences will last 15 minutes.
- Opportunity for differentiation. A child could produce his or hers as a video with the support of the teachers and tech department.
- All conferences will begin with an "About Me" video segment.
- Artifacts could include a writing piece from a grade other than 6th if there is evidence to support the reason.
- Kurt to touch base with Margaret and Erica for support and reach out to the principal for a site visit.

SIT Homework:

Research student-led conferences.

Bring in sample questions.