

Goosehill Primary School

School Improvement Notes

October 16, 2018

Members present: Mrs. Saladino, Mrs. Lupinacci-Lawniczak, Mrs. Travaglianti, Mrs. Franciscovich, Ms. Golden, Ms. McDevitt, Mrs. Ranaldo, Mrs. Herschlein

In order to synthesize our ideas supporting character education/mindfulness, play, and STEM/STEAM, we developed a theme for the year using the acronym **HERO**. Young children love Superheroes, so we will build upon their excitement for the topic and engage them in activities that teach and reinforce our core values of honesty, empathy, respect (and kindness.)

H- Honesty *Be **Honest**.*

E- Empathy *Show **Empathy**.*

R- Respect ***Respect***

O - ***Others*** * another option could be **Open-hearted**, as in *Be Open-hearted*. (Freely express warm, generous, and kind feelings)

*Our theme will be: **Superheroes care for people, animals, and Planet Earth.***

Our ideas for this year's projects include:

- 1) A bulletin board with a cape for each class on which "badges" (or photos) will be added depicting the honest, empathetic, respectful, and kind acts of the children.
- 2) Capes will be purchased and used in skits about superheroes and their actions that support our core values, as well as for children to wear when they are engaged in school-wide responsibilities, such as cleaning up the schoolyard, helping out in classrooms.
- 3) Family Focus HW boards will be created to engage families in actions that support our core values.
- 4) Game Days to promote honesty, empathy, and respect.
- 5) STEAM projects will be developed asking students to solve problems/ improve conditions for people, animals, and the environment.
- 6) Service projects will be developed to help people or animals in need.
- 7) An institute day will be organized for April 17th, with real-life heroes as presenters. We will ask for parents, community members to share their work that supports people, animals, and the Earth.
- 8) Field Day will have a Super-hero theme.
- 9) Parent workshops will be provided on raising children to be mindful, empathetic, and honest.

Our next meeting will be on ***Monday, November 19th at 3:15.**