

Goosehill Primary School

School Improvement Notes

September 18, 2017

Members present: Mrs. Burger, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Kashetta, Mrs. Lefkowitz, Mrs. Light, Mrs. Herschlein, Mrs. Wolf

This was our first meeting. We brainstormed ideas for our goals and projects for the 2017-18 school year:

- 1) To build on previous goals of fostering a school culture that celebrates and honors differences among people, we are considering a theme of **KINDNESS** this year. We would like to create opportunities for students to demonstrate kindness and empathy, recognize acts of kindness in others, and share their ideas about kindness. We would also like to support parents' efforts to nurture kindness, compassion, and empathy in their children. Here are some of our ideas:
 - a) Build on the **ForceField for Kindness** assembly (Oct. 19 at 9:00). SIT members are invited to attend.
 - b) Create **Family Focus Weeks** (Homework Choice Boards) that suggest acts of kindness in which families can engage, recommend books to read as a family, foster the sharing of experiences between parents and children, etc.
 - c) Create a **bulletin board** on which we can post children's writing or drawings about kindness.
 - d) Use **Flipgrid** for students to be able to speak about kindness, share an act of kindness they witnessed, or share book reviews about kind characters, etc. (on GH web page)
 - e) Write **morning announcements** about kindness, empathy, compassion.
 - f) Engage students in a **service project/ fundraiser** to support others or animals in need. (e.g Project Cicero, fundraising for those affected by hurricanes, earthquake, etc.)
 - g) Offer a **parent book club** on the topic of raising kind children in today's world.

We also discussed offering one or two after school clubs for first graders to foster connections among children based upon common interests. Mrs. Wolf will discuss the idea with faculty. Mrs. Light will gather information about the programs at WS and LHS.

Team members will consider the ideas and come to the next meeting with additional information (e.g. quotes, books, bulletin board ideas) so that we can firm up our plans.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 16th at 3:15.**

*Additionally, the CSH School District **Shared Decision Making Team** will meet on Thursday, October 19th at 3:45 in District Office where all of the school SITs will share their goals for the year.