

West Side School

School Improvement Team

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Minutes

SIT Members

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Goal: Review HERO project to date. What is going well? Where do we see the need for improvement? Begin discussions about First Grade Orientation.

Reviewed the objectives for students who have the task of Photographer of Athletics:

-  Students shared challenges with Mr. Simon at lunch
-  Working to get these children a bulletin board in the school to own
-  Could be sports reporters
-  Highlight athletes who are doing something positive with their fame
-  Possibly borrow a camera that is able to take action photos

Free concert given by HERO members:

-  Calling it West Side Unplugged
-  Stream it to the classrooms using IPTV system
-  Have Spirit Builder create a Playbill with student bios
-  Photographers of Spirit should be present

Library Assistant:

-  Working on bulletin board outside main office
-  Polling classrooms for their favorite books/book recommendations

Mentoring Program:

-  Reading with 6th graders
-  Study buddy – reading and/or math support
-  Bus mentor
-  Always at least a grade or two below

Heroes for Health:

-  Create a day or morning where HERO members come to school early to support initiative to get students more active

1st Grade Orientation:

-  5th grade gives tour and makes itinerary – What is most important to see at WSS?
-  5th graders partner up with 1st graders
-  Take pictures of them together
-  Post this picture on first day of school next year