

**Ted Lenart Regional Gifted Center
Local School Council
Principal's Report – September 2015
Meeting: September 15, 2015 5:00 p.m**

Mission: The mission of Lenart School is to provide an engaging, differentiated, and holistic educational environment for all students. Our mission includes preparing students for rigorous, collaborative, innovative instruction to enhance global skills and best practices. Teachers are committed to building character, developing the unique giftedness of each child, and to partner with all stakeholders to produce nurturing diverse life-long learners.

School Leadership

- Planned and facilitated staff PD for the week of 8/31/15
- Met with teachers during Grade Level Cluster Meetings (to work towards school goals. (Meeting Agendas and notes available in binders in office)
- School Counselor led PD on Responsive Classroom implementation (part of SEL grant awarded by CPS)
- Attended Fall Principal's Summit at UIC Forum and recognized as an Independent Schools Principal
- Facilitated Teacher Orientation Training for staff

Instructional Leadership

- Planned and Implemented Professional Development for staff during the week of August 25-29, 2014.
- School-wide Fall NWEA MAP and MPG testing (9/15 -9/28)
- Observed instruction and provided face-to-face and written feedback to teachers
- Selection of new schoolwide math curriculum (Envisions 2.0, Connected Math3, CME Project) that is aligned to CCSS
- Web-based learning platforms to assist teachers in differentiation and blended learning
 - Compass Odyssey Learning (K- 5 reading and math)
 - ALEKS (6 -8 math) – pending funding to renew subscriptions
 - ThinkCERCA (6-8 ELA, supported in all content areas)
- Teachers attended summer training to implement Computer Science Curriculum in K, 3-8 grades. Curriculum includes computer Coding and programming in Science and Algebra

Student-Centered Learning Climate

- Implements policies and procedures through implementation of staff handbook

- Distributed Parent/Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct (SCC)
- Student of the Month program to recognize students exhibiting highlighted traits each month. Counselor to meet weekly with classes to provide support and instruction regarding specific traits
- Allocation of funds to provide sports programming
- Continuation of partnership with South Chicago Art Center to provide art programming to students
- Revised school safety plan. Security officer attended Safety Training
- Counselor met individually with each new student in grades K-7 to help facilitate smooth transition to Lenart

Professional Development and Human Resources Management

- Reviewed resumes, interviewed and hired candidates for Middle School ELA/Social Studies and 3rd grade classroom.
- Invited teachers to teacher interviews
- Participation in 2-Day principal CCSS Summer Institute
- Presented at CCSS Principal Summer Institute with Mrs. Edgin regarding school's BHT
- Attended CPS sponsored Googlepalooza to learn more about Google and technology
- Attended Facing History and Ourselves PD as part of school's 3-year partnership
- Attended Responsive Classroom PD for school administrators
- Attended Edtech Collaborative Personalized Learning Summit (July 2015)
- Participated in Chicago Public Education Fund's Summer Design Program and completed school portfolio
- Teacher goal-setting during professional development week (August 31-September 4)

Parent Involvement and Community Partnership

- Established preliminary year-long calendar in collaboration with LPCG
- Distributed school calendar on 9/9/15
- Continued partnership with University of Chicago's Winning Words Program for 7th grade students
- Back to School Meet and Greet held on Saturday, August 15 for Lenart Staff and Families
- Back to School Curriculum Night Planned for Wednesday, September 23 at 5:30 p.m.
- Expectation for teachers to update websites weekly with homework and announcements
- Weekly email update to parents provided every Friday
- Parent volunteers to install white boards in classrooms (Saturdays)

School Management and Daily Operations

- Met with representative from Aramark regarding custodial staff changes and cuts
- Supervised custodial staff to ensure school was clean and ready for students and teachers return
- Meet regularly with school engineer (shared with Westcott School)
- Awarded After School All-Stars Grant \$11, 578.02 for 2nd year
- Installation of new front doors
- Installation of white boards in classrooms (so far 5/10 classes are completed)
- Completes reports and required emails to Central Office in a timely manner
- Participation in CPS TechBridge Program to provide support for maintenance of network and technology.
- Weekly staff updates provided on Sundays
- Copy of all flyers and communication available in Binder in office

Submitted on September 15, 2015 by Angela Sims