

**Ted Lenart Regional Gifted Center
Local School Council
Principal's Report – January 2015
Meeting: January 15, 2015 6:30 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

- Utilized data from School Quality Rating Report to engage staff and gather input on how to improve school
- Meet weekly with teachers during Grade Level Cluster Meetings to work towards school goals. (Meeting Agendas and notes available in binders in office)
- Math Lead teachers facilitated PD for team members regarding Math Talks and conducted classroom visits
- Meet weekly with Behavioral Health Team (BHT) to decide on students for Tier 2 and 3 supports.
- BHT led professional development for staff regarding current supports available and referral process for students
- Hosted 2nd Selective Enrollment Open House
- Awarded \$5000 LearnWELL grant from CPS to promote health and wellness
- Held 2 Flex-Day PD sessions for staff (December and January)

Instructional Leadership

- Observed instruction and provided face-to-face and written feedback to teachers
- Math lead teachers hosted a Saturday Math Planning Session for all teachers of Math. The teachers worked along with Elizabeth McLaughlin to begin to craft out Scope and Sequence that will allow opportunity to identify appropriate areas for acceleration of curriculum.
- Teacher leaders attended CCSS professional development for ELA and Math. Teacher leaders will “Teachback” or provided PD for entire staff
- Presented staff with Standards of Practice for Gifted Programs
- Attended Darwin Elementary School’s Leadership Day to learn more about Leader in Me

Student-Centered Learning Climate

- All school Winter Performances (December 16 and 17, 2014)
- Afterschool All Stars program kick-off with afterschool activities for students K-8 on Monday- Thursday
- Chess Team started practices January 12, 2015
- Chemistry club started for weekly meetings every Monday and Tuesday
- 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
- Girl's Pom Pon practices
- Lenart Basketball Team season has started. We are hoping for a win by the end of the season.
- National Junior Honor Society volunteered at Ronald McDonald House (December 21, 2014)
- 8th grade fundraiser at Barnes and Noble to raise money for Boston trip and graduation fees. Students provided gift wrapping at Chicago and Orland Stores
- Student groups started (Anger Coping, Art Therapy)

Professional Development and Human Resources Management

- New Security Officer – Carl Fraley
- Attended SUPES Academy principal development sessions regarding effective leadership practices
- Participation in Full-Day principal CCSS Winter Institute
- Completion of Gifted Education Seminar
- Passed test to obtain Gifted Education Endorsement
- Attended Network 11 Principal's Professional Development (December and January)
- 2 teachers awarded Small Grants from Chicago Foundation for Education (Martin, Robinson)
- Attended Behavioral Health Team professional development

Parent Involvement and Community Partnership

- Hosted Parent Presentation on Meeting the Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted Student (12/11/14)
- Weekly email update to parents provided every Friday, information also posted on school website
- Parent volunteers to run LIONS store
- Weekly Zumba class to begin Thursday, February 5, 2015

School Management and Daily Operations

- Supervised custodial staff to ensure school was clean and ready for students and teachers in January
- Meet regularly with school engineer (shared with Westcott School)
- Completes reports and required emails to Central Office in a timely manner
- Weekly parent emails sent on Fridays, information also posted on school website
- Weekly staff updates provided on Sundays
- Copy of all flyers and communication available in Binder in office

Submitted on, January 15, 2015