

**BLT Meeting
September 22, 2016**

Attendees:

Karen Ramirez
Sheila Beglin
Pat McFadden
Pat McCarthy
Dina Wolloben
Irene Guinto
Margaret Nelson
Pam Heilbronn

5 parents

Notes:

Distributed a calendar of BLT dates and people signed up for facilitator and note taker roles

September	Thursday, September 22 nd	
October	Thursday, October 27 th	Facilitator: Amy Recorder: McFadden
November	Thursday, November 17 th	Facilitator: McFadden Recorder: Karen R.
December	Thursday, December 22 nd	Facilitator: Heilbronn Recorder: Amy
January	Thursday, January 26 th	Facilitator: Irene Recorder: Pat McCarthy
February	Thursday, February 16 th	Facilitator: Dina Recorder: Karen R.
March	Thursday, March 23 rd	Facilitator: Sheila Recorder: Dina
April	Thursday, April 27 th	Facilitator: McCarthy Recorder: A. Dunn
May	Thursday, May 18 th	Facilitator: Karen R. Recorder: Sheila

Garden Update:

The garden will be cleaned up

The other courtyard will have pavers installed to create an outside learning space. PTA together with the school will be purchasing benches for that area as well.

Class Trips:

3rd Grade: Kakiat State Park & Stage Left

4th Grade: West Point, Stony Point and possibly Bronx Zoo

5th Grade: Circle Line, Recycling Center, Philadelphia, Tallman State Park

Communication:

Something was posted on Facebook about a student missing recess. The school asks that a parent contact administration or the classroom teacher to express concerns or ask questions rather than turn to social media.

Each case is analyzed on an individual basis. Teachers and administrators will decide when it is necessary for a child to miss recess (safety concerns, concern for unsafe behavior). Typically, this is because there was a physical altercation. Parents are always contacted if a student missed recess. In all situations the individual student's needs are taken into consideration.

Enrichment

We are increasing enrichment opportunities that we offer at Cottage Lane. An email will be sent to parents by the end of the week for students to sign up for enrichment that they might be interested in. Google docs will be send for each individual enrichment.

Possibly ideas: send out a google doc for parents who would be interested in carpooling children to early morning enrichment opportunities.

The PTA will be purchasing pencils for our character ed program. Each month a child will receive a pencil with the color and word of the month on it.

The PTA will also be giving out 25 cent coupons to the school store for children who participate in the character ed monthly activities.

The PTA have also purchased benches for the front entry way, a new rug for the front entry, benches for outside learning space in the courtyard, kick balls, jump ropes and goals.