

Attendance: Claire Diesen Steinberg, Jen Prather, Sam Ortiz, Sonia Alcantarilla, Anne Bradner, Leanne Tormey, Colleen Kane, Judy Diaz, Donna Jarecki, April L. , Matthew Casey, Fallen Jean Baptiste.

Carver Elementary After School program presentation

Directors- Matt Casey ( Edison) Fallen Jean Baptiste ( JFK)

Edison has 124 ( max capacity 180) students in Cap and has 17 pt staff members

JFK has 191 ( max capacity 200) students in CAP and has 24 pt staff members

#### CAP. DAILY SCHEDULE AND CURRICULUM

Matt and Fallen reviewed the daily after school schedule which starts at 3 pm and concludes 5:45- 6 pm. The program cost \$300 per year or 2\$ per day.

Their curriculum is focused on Character Education in collaboration with the jfk and edison curriculum. They cover one topic per month. This also is a requirement for the After School Advantage Grant.

Other requirements for the grant include Parent Engagement which parents must attend twice a year . Matt and Fallen have worked to create parent workshops which are more enticing and relaxed for families.

The Exhibition, which is tomorrow night ( jan 15) at JFK from 5-6, is a culmination of the students' work and all are encouraged to attend.

#### OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANTAGE GRANT

They also conduct biannual focus groups for staff, students and parents to gain feedback. The staff are evaluated twice a year. This feedback is required by the advantage grant and Matt and Fallen must demonstrate how it has been incorporated into their programs. The Data Collection done monthly benefits CAP teachers, fundraising and the programs committee.

#### CAP ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for CAP is done by lottery if there is overcapacity . Siblings are given priority, alums are also considered as well as families getting paperwork completed within the registration period.

#### CHALLENGES

The challenges Matt and Fallen spoke about and Leanne, Anne and Colleen confirmed were in connection with the ongoing license application for the Office of Children and Family Services of NY. The requirements are lengthy and labor intensive and costly from staff hiring , training, health records, vaccinations, staff onboarding , work place environment compliance.... It is a long list but necessary in order to receive the After School Advantage Grant, and any others going forward. It's beneficial for Carver to be compliant with OCFS but it is a tremendous

amount of work and \$\$\$. According to Leanne, the timeline is 145 days to complete it. We are about 60 days in . The goal is to submit part 1 by Feb 1. Then part 2 will begin.

Other challenges for Matt and Fallen have been hiring staff . After budget cuts carver was only able to pay staff \$20/ hour. This was not competitive but with some creativity they were able to hire good people .

It takes a village to implement the CAP Working together, the Carver Staff is making it happen. Many thanks to the dedicated Carver staff for all their hard work and perseverance. Together we can do it!