

*West Side School*  
School Improvement Team  
Thursday, December 8, 2011  
Minutes

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**SIT Members**

Staff: Kurt Simon, Maria Rodriguez, Karen Schoenberg, Linda Gerver, and Kristine Tramonte  
Parents: Mary Kugler, Mariel Naccarato, Mary Striano, and Karen Reiter

**Goals:** To brainstorm ways to initiate student-led lessons during our indoor recess periods this winter. To review our first West Side Wednesday.

- 🍁 Reviewed first West Side Wednesday.
- 🍁 Suggested creating a contest for our students to name our mascot.
- 🍁 Brainstormed for a form that will allow students to inform the SIT committee of their interests in leading lessons during indoor recess which would give our students a chance to highlight areas in which they are experts.
- 🍁 The form will be the first step in the process.
- 🍁 Time could be spent during lunch periods informing our students about this new initiative.
- 🍁 This could also be a time utilized to brainstorm with our students the many areas they excel in. Ideas brought up we:
  - Card games
  - Magic tricks
  - Dance
  - Origami
  - Drawing cartoon strips
- 🍁 In some of our classes, students will be focusing on what they are experts in during their Writing time which will be a way for them to connect to this activity.
- 🍁 Mrs. Rodriguez has a form that could be modified for our students. This form will be an outline for the lesson plan our students will create.
- 🍁 Students will teach their lessons on a rotating basis during their lunch/recess time.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will pair up
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will pair up
  - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will work with each other
- 🍁 The SMARTboard in the Community Room could be utilized for some students as well.