

School Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
6:30PM-8:30PM

Members in Attendance:

- Sonita Ramkishun (Principal)
- Alejandra Roma (Teacher)
- Leanne Bolson (Teacher)
- Ali Lisberger (Teacher + UFT Rep)
- Laura Parris (Teacher)
- Yvette Choy (Parent + PTA President)
- Maria Hantzopoulos (Parent)
- Fiona Yung (Parent)
- Dragos Bozdog (Parent)
- Luka Makino-Siller (student)

Absent: Alisha Arthur**1. Call to Order**

The meeting opened at 6:34 pm for all on zoom.

2. Review and approval of last month's minutes

Motion to approve December minutes were made and seconded.

3. Future Meeting Dates

We hope to remain virtual and the meetings will now start at 6pm. The dates are all on Wednesdays: February 8, March 15, April 26, May 24, June 7, and June 21 (as budget)

4. Students at the Center- Chapter 3

What resonated?

- Parent: Appreciate the Idea of starting with outcomes and working backwards
- Teacher: End first and thinking about misconceptions before they happen; being flexible
- Parent: Backward design blended with habits of mind; also the ideas and investigations and the examples on pages 39-41 give us great examples of this in practice
- Teacher: Excited about co-creating the goals with students for next unit (because it is a new book)
- Parent: Co-creation with students on grading and rubric and that they can be involved
- Teacher: When I meet with students after we come with - transfer of power from teacher to student
- As a parent, I see how these ideas are happening in practice in my kids' class which is exciting

- Teacher: Mindful about taking a step back and letting go; balance of showing what the structure and expectations are, and then from there, letting go
- Admin: P. 48 the phases of inquiry is a great reminder of how to do this (and how we are already doing this, and making some tweaks)

4. Student SLT Report by Luka

- Students are holding off on planning new stuff - Mr. Esteban just came back
- College Awareness Day - January 27, 2023 (CUNY Visit for UD; read aloud and discussions in LD)
- Dance is in progress

5. CEP Goals Mid Year Review (60 minutes)

- We worked in groups to review/evaluate the action steps and fill out the new columns in the [chart](#)
 - Laura, Fiona, Yvette - Math
 - Leanne and Maria H- ELA
 - Alejandra and Dragos- Science
 - Ali and Sonita, - SEL
- Each team came back and discussed the data points from the second column

6. Reports

- See Appendix for Principal Report
- See Appendix for UFT Report
- See Appendix for PTA Report
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7. Parking Lot: Remaining Questions & Concerns

- Web-facing Diversity Proposal will be shared over email
- Chapter 4 of book for next month

Appendix 1: Principal Report

Staffing Updates

- Our 2nd grade long term sub for class 201 will be leaving to start her student teaching. Ms. Stevie will be taking over the class for the rest of the school year. We want to thank Ms. Cynthia for all her hard work and dedication.
- Class 102 will be supported by Mr. Edwin until Ms. Michelle comes back from her leave.
- Mr Esteban is back

Wellness Committee

- Working on many opportunities for students and families to get involved. The next event will be an ice skating event for all families.

Diversity Committee

- Members have been working hard to share flyers and make outreach to families across the 5 boroughs about G&T admissions. Our goal is to bring awareness, access, and opportunity to all families who would like to apply to a G&T school.

Kindergarten Open House

- Yesterday, January 10th, we held our kindergarten open house virtually. Approximately 150 families attended. Families engaged in a video walk through, teacher speech, school presentation, and Q&A.
- Jenny Lando will be hosting mini Q&A sessions for prospective families throughout this week and next week. All prospective families can sign up using the banner on our website: www.ps300q.org

Two students went to a city soap box meeting (Civics for All curriculum)

Appendix 2: UFT Report

Queens Communities Oppose Success Academy Co-Locations: Success Academy has been met with unprecedented community opposition. Students organized a walkout on 12/15 and various SLTs pledged their support. Members of the public are invited to comment before the citywide Panel for Education Policy votes on the two proposed co-locations on Tuesday, Jan. 24. The meeting is scheduled at Long Island City HS at 6pm. You can sign up to speak starting at 5:30 pm at the HS.

Appendix 3: PTA Report

- 80 chromebooks were purchased in UD; awaiting for correct hardware
- 4 TAs are in LD
- Class parents put together a parent engagement flyer for digital communications
- Fundraising:

The 30th Avenue School (Q300)



Lower Division: 28-37 29th Street, Astoria 11102: 4th Floor
M: (718) 626-8502 F: (718) 626-8508

K-8 Citywide Gifted and Talented School

Upper Division: 31-51 21st Street, LIC 11106: 5th Floor
M: (718) 726-0501 F: (718) 726-0949

Principal | Sonita Ramkishun
Assistant Principal | Anna Milonakis

- Direct Appeal: 75% of projected goal! Woot!
- Square 1 Arts Fundraiser
- School photos = still taking orders
- Movie Night on Friday, January 13, please register to attend
- Sock Drive: 200 socks collected
- International Potluck and Festival: 5:30-7:30 on Feb 3rd. Registration is required
- Thanks to the parents that organized the Holiday Collection in December for the teachers and staff