

School Leadership Team Meeting Agenda Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 5:30PM-7:30PM

SLT Notetaker: Maurico

Members in Attendance:

- Sonita Ramkishun (Principal)
- Emily McNally (Teacher)
- Maria Panagiotakis (Teacher)
- Edwin Mora (Teacher)
- Mauricio Lopez (Parent + PTA President)
- Ali Lisberger (Teacher + UFT Rep)
- Jarvis Mccarthy (Student Council)
- Ellen Chu (Parent)

Absent:

- Alejandra Roma (Teacher)
- Maria Hantzopoulos IParent)
- Fiona Yung (Parent)
- Heather Clarke (Parent)

1. Call to Order

The meeting started at 5:36.

2. Review [October](#) meeting's minutes (5 minutes)

- a. Motion to approve October minutes was made and seconded. Sonita noted she'll have a correction once Maria Hantzopoulos is able to grant access (Note: Maria did grant access to file)

2. Student Report (5 minutes)

Student council ran a survey where students highlighted they'd like to have better school lunch, cleaner bathrooms, and options for indoor recess activities besides movies, like board games. He mentioned there will be an Upper Division dance on Dec '21st, and expressed the desire to have a bake sale, and a talent show that is not restricted to being multicultural.

Jarvis and the two student representatives had their first presentation with their peers to bring what happens in the student council to the classroom. In that presentation they announced the dance, gingerbread contest, winner of food drive, and made an emphasis on the importance of practicing recycling habits. Jarvis felt there are opportunities to improve this presentation.

3. Review 2023 Survey Results (60 minutes)

- We were split in three groups so each group could focus on the respective survey: Students (Jarvis with Sonita), Teachers (Maria P, Edwin, Emily, Ali), and Families (~~Fiona, Heather~~, Mauricio, Ellen)
- Each group reviewed results and noted the glows, grows, and action items for their respective results [here](#)
- Sonita requested that Jarvis share his suggestions with the student council so they can provide feedback.

4. Survey Comparison Led by Mauricio (10 minutes) - Didn't take place; to happen in the next meeting.

5. G&T Kindergarten Admission Process 2023-2024 (10 minutes)

- Sonita hasn't received an email outlining the details, but has been informed the process will remain generally like last year's. In the next SLT session we'll discuss open houses and overall plans.
- Information about admission for higher grades hasn't been shared, but is expected after the kindergarten process ends.

6. Reports (15 minutes)

- School council. There's food waste. Maybe because the food is not the best, but also because there's not enough time. Some classes report having only 9 minutes to eat.
- Principal Report. Received the Chancellor's digest talking about class size. The entire city needs to increase compliance by 20% per year, and has reached 40% already. It is unclear how that will translate into changes for our school. In preparation for potential changes, the DOE will survey principals to understand their needs.
- ASPIRE charts will be brought to the LD in particular but UD as well, to celebrate classes that Aspire at recess, hallways, etc. We'll post Aspire charts outside of the classrooms, and give the class a star every time they ASPIRE. When they fill the chart they'll receive a reward.
- Will email families a remote learning plan. Will send a survey checking they have devices and have access (Note: email was sent). Those who don't have a device, will receive one as soon as possible.
- PTA Report. Had three fundraisers since prior report: a successful social event at Uno's Pizzeria, the annual Pie sale which had good and yummy results, and a flash gift card sale. Winterfest and carnival planning has started with details to follow soon. Discussed with Whitney Toussaint

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(CEC Liaison) and was informed we can participate on the People's Money in the same way as Participatory Budgeting but for programmatic initiatives that have a clear end. Completed coat drive, and are asking the district for support connecting resources with the families that need them.

- [UFT Report](#). Requested help fighting the 5% budget reduction from the Mayor which will impact PreK, K, staffing, etc.

7. Parking Lot: Remaining Questions & Concerns (5 minutes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

