

## School Leadership Team Meeting Minutes Monday, February 26th, 2024 5:30PM-7:30PM

Notetaker: Ali Lisberger

### Attendees:

- Sonita Ramkishun (principal)
- Ellen Chu (parent)
- Ali Lisberger (teacher and UFT chapter leader)
- Emily McNally (teacher)
- Maria Hantzopolous (parent)
- Mauricio Lopez (parent and PTA President)
- Jarvis McCarthy (Student Council)
- Fiona Yung (parent)

### Meeting began at 5:38 p.m.

January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

- [January Minutes](#)

Brief review of SLT norms were conducted.

### Inspiration:

Maria P and Ellen shared their inspiration for being on the SLT.

### Student Report

- Jarvis gave the student report, which included:
  - UD monthly report
    - Shared pictures from February Spirit Pajama Day, No One Eats Alone Day, Waste Climate Action Day, NYC Second Chance Rescue Bake Sale (they raised \$250)
    - We highlighted women who played an important role in history
    - Beginning in late March, our schools will begin composting.
    - Instead of a traditional idea box, students decided to have a box in each homeroom.
    - They will put air fresheners in the bathrooms
    - They bought 5 new basketballs and started a basketball pilot program (coined the name The Cobras)

### Diversity Committee

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- a. The SEL team has been trying to figure out the best route to get vendors moving forward. It's been hard to find affordable vendors. We need to get more creative and collaborate with other schools and community members to find vendors to bring in.
- b. If we're able to book with Flushing town hall, it's affordable. But it's hard to do. We have to look into how far in advance you need to book. We can also look into Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM).
- c. We have to brainstorm and come up with ideas for the 2024-2025 school year. Perhaps looking into programs that offer events over time rather than one day. SLT members will look into options and come with at least one recommendation.

## SLT Webinar

Based on an email from the Chancellor, we are Mandated to view this SLT Webinar. Before the next meeting, we need to read through the [Slideshow](#).

## School Culture Surveys

SLT worked in teams to review the feedback from school staff on the Q300 School Culture Surveys that we created at last month's meeting. These will be sent to all community members later in the year.

## Mid year iReady Data

SLT worked in groups to look at the math and ELA iReady data and shared noticings and wonderings. Based on the next [generation standards](#), members chose focus areas for next year's goals.

## Reports

- Principal Report

### Staffing Update:

Edwin Mora will be moving on to an administrator position at another school. We thank him for his dedication to Q300 and our ENL students. I will be actively interviewing for a ENL teacher to fill his position. In the meantime, Ms. Lydia will be supporting our ENL students instructionally. She has taught ESL classes in grades pre-k to 2nd prior to her time at Q300.

### Black History Month Celebrations:

Lower Division will be engaging in an in-person field trip with Togetherhood embracing the Harlem Renaissance. Upper Division will be having a performance by the Harlem Magic Masters.

### Spring Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent teacher conferences will be on March 7th. This will be a half day of school for students. Afternoon Conferences will be from 1pm to 3pm and Evening Conferences will be from 4:30pm-7:30pm. All conferences will be held virtually.

### Curbside Composting:

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Effective Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Q300 (126 and PS17) will receive DSNY Curbside Composting service as part of cohort three of this year's expansion.

DSNY will provide collection of food waste 5 days a week. School waste is approximately 50% food and food-soiled paper. Curbside Composting helps us to reduce the waste being sent to far away landfills, and by containerizing food waste, also helps to keep rats out and our streets clean.

## High School Offers:

High School enrollment has informed us that offers should be sent to families on **March 7th**. Please note this date is subject to change.

Once high school offers are made, waitlists will also open. Families can begin adding themselves to waitlists.

Remember, there is no limit to the number of waitlists that students could be on.

HS school enrollment will be hosting five, virtual information sessions in March to help families understand how offers were made and how waitlists will work in addition to discussing next steps.

- **General Events:** These events are for all families of students entering high school in fall 2024. Instructions on how to join will be available on [schools.nyc.gov/HS](https://schools.nyc.gov/HS), in the section *Attend Admissions Events and Open Houses*. All events are being held in English with interpretation provided, except for the March 14th and March 19th events.
  - **Tuesday, March 12 (6pm to 7pm).** Interpretation in: Arabic, Chinese Mandarin, Haitian Creole
  - **Thursday, March 14 (6pm to 7pm).** Spanish only
  - **Friday, March 15 (3pm to 4pm).** Interpretation in: French, Russian, Urdu
  - **Tuesday, March 19 (6pm to 7pm).** Chinese Mandarin only
  - **Wednesday, March 20 (6:00pm-7:00pm)** Interpretation in: Bangla, Korean, Spanish
- The following three events are targeted for certain families. Families will receive an invite with zoom links and instructions on how to join associated with their Myschools account.
  - **Friday, March 8 (6pm to 7pm).** This session is for families of students receiving an offer to a program that was not on their application.
  - **Wednesday, March 13 and Tuesday, April 2 (6pm to 7pm).** These two events are for students invited to apply for the Summer 2024 Discovery Program at a Specialized High School. At these events, they will cover such topics as eligibility, program guidelines and next steps for families. Both sessions will cover the same content. Information regarding the Discovery program can be found on [schools.nyc.gov/diversityadmissions](https://schools.nyc.gov/diversityadmissions), by clicking on the *Specialized High Schools Section*.
    - Here is a [letter](#) that he wrote to families.
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- PTA Report
  - Kindness event on March 17?
  - Participatory budgeting passed!
- UFT Report
  - **1. Parent Teacher Conferences:** Parent teacher conferences are next week. The afternoon conference is two hours in length and the evening conference is three hours. We look forward to meeting with you.

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- 2. **PROSE:** PROSE stands for "Progressive Redesign Opportunity Schools for Excellence." It's a program that was founded 10 years ago and currently has 217 schools in it. We are interested in possibly applying to be a PROSE school. PROSE is about school-level innovations. It offers schools the ability to alter some of the most basic parameters by which they function, including the way teachers are hired, evaluated and supported; the way students and teachers are programmed; the handling of grievances; and certain city and state regulations. Schools in the program explore and implement a variety of innovations at their schools. Accepted plans have to win the approval of at least 65% of UFT members at the school who vote on the proposal.
- Possible ideas include: more time for PTC's, more school-wide in person events.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.**