

## SLT Minutes- October 9, 2024

7:00AM

### Zoom Meeting

#### **In Attendance:**

Sara Garfinkle - Member at large, SLT Chairperson

Dr. Garcia - Principal

Ms. Wilder - AP

Veronica Chan - Member at large

Mr. Lentini - Union Representative

Lauren Balaban - Member at large

Marina Yoffe - Member at large

Susan Fulwiler - Member at large

Olga Gashinsky - Member at large

Elena Angelaras - Member at large

Adelina Bicaj - DC37 representative

#### Approval of Minutes

-September 2024 Minutes approved from all members in the SLT

#### **Principal's report**

- Ms. Wilder presented the principal's report.
  - Curriculum mapping has been completed through November
  - BOY assessments and screeners have begun - English assessments have been completed, now DL classes have started target language assessments.
  - Acadience and iReady screeners will be completed within next week.
  - SEL - Book of the month is My Mouth is a Volcano by Julia Cook
  - Wits Fall Lab 10/22 - Special Citrus Pico de Gallo
  - One to one meeting with teachers will start the week of 10/28
  - Grade 2: Guggenheim and Swimming will be starting on 10/16, 10/29
  - Other past events recap: 3K family night 9/20, Spirit day 9/27, PK family night 9/27, Rosh Hashanah 10/3 - 10/4,
    - Upcoming events:
      - Italian/Indigenous Day 10/14
      - Wits Bits 10/15
      - Gr 1 Family Night 10/18
      - Dad Take Your Child to School 10/22
      - Spirit Day: Character Day 10/31
  
- Ice cream treats - sold everyday for 1 week and now it's going to be implemented on Mondays and Fridays. Equity -> All teachers

- Principal newsletter - started again this school year - to help dissipate parents' confusion or misinformation "section titled "I Wonder Why"
  - Lunch period - it is 50 minutes long 23 min to eat and 23 min to lunch
  - Students are encouraged to eat first and then take school lunch, if they want
  - Lunch tends to be very social for kids so an idea is for parents to maybe pack less food so their child can get to most of it.
  - Arcade room: All students get a chance to go to the arcade room on their assigned day. Kids have the choice to go or not go but instead stay outdoors for recess.
  - All pertinent information is on our school website. Please visit the site and become familiar with all our procedures and initiatives
  - Arrival: 8:15am is arrival time, anytime pass that is considered late so students are marked late. The 5 minute grace period given led to issues for parents and staff so we have decide to eliminate it and close all of our gates at 8:15am
  - TAs - all TAs are considered part of the staff and they are utilized for classroom support but also out of classroom duties like bathroom monitors. Safety is our priority so we will assign our staff accordingly. We have a large and whole building so it requires more staff to maintain safety and supervision.

### **UFT Report**

- Wit and Wisdom is the new curriculum being implemented
- SBO: All halfdays have become no attendance days for students due to low attendance - decision made by NYC DOE
  - Nov 7 - half day PD for teachers and then afternoon and evening PTC
- PTCs will be fully remote for this school year

### **PTA Report**

- In upcoming PTA meeting new effort (survey/poll) to best capture parents desirable time and format (virtual/in person) for future meetings (AM/PM) and how to best structure the meeting so it lends itself to allow more questions/conversations
  - In PTA upcoming meeting, class parent chats, etc will
- Upcoming events
  - Uniform swap, today
  - 10/22 Dad's day. Breakfast will be served in the morning and pizza in the afternoon
  - Costume collection - not too much participation so it might be canceled.
  - 11/4 Picture day. Sibling photos will be an option this year. Parents have to sign up in advance.

### **Other**

- A new SLT meeting will take place next week to go over PS145 CEP - Ms. Sara G will let the members know when it will take place.

### **Questions:**

- Why is F&P still taking place? It is used for MOSL - teacher rating and mandated from the UFT so we cannot cancel. There is not another option for testing that matches the new ELA program we have.

- iReady, Acadience is coming down from Central/DOE/District 3 - so we have to do them
- We paused on our in house consultant Nadine - given that central/district is sending numerous consultants
- Acadience - it tests students reading for K-2, iReady ELA tests students reading for 3-5, iReady Math tests students math skills and concepts for K-5. All data collected impacts instruction and teaching decisions made.
- Cell phone policy - F&Qs have been created, but not shared with parents yet.
- Let Ms. Amer know if parents are interested in Wellness in the School
- Thanksgiving Dinner - it is happening - date and announcement TBD
- Holiday Harmony Show - it is put on by the music teacher/there will be 4 shows this year.
- SEL training - waiting to hear back from the Chancellor's office
- Classroom size with cluster: class size number is smaller than expected when students go to cluster given that there are 5 clusters and 3 classes per grade to be split evenly across.
  - Support staff go to cluster with their assigned student or with the students that need most support.
- Filmmaking: what are students doing in this class? They are learning storytelling/boarding and there is little screen time (for the lower grade)
- Sara is creating Wit and Wisdom newsletters for all modules/units by the end of the next week
- ELL academy: Deadline is 10/23 - parents will be notified. Start date is 10/28. 48 student is the cap