

SLT Minutes-September 18 , 2024

2:45PM

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

Adam Costello - Member at large

Marina Yoffe - Member at large

Susan Fulwiler - Member at large

Olga Gashinsky - Member at large

Elena Angelaras - Member at large

Master Berrios - Member at large

Adelina Bicaj - DC37 representative, not present

Naveed Hasan

Approval of Minutes

-June 2024 Minutes approved from all members in the SLT

PTA Report

- Executive committee meeting re: fundraising, volunteers recruitment, etc
- Family nights - upcoming starting with 3K/PreK and then every other grade. The idea behind it is for families to connect and get to know each other across the different programs. Aim is to strengthen communication and relationships between parents. PTA will have some simple items for sale (food related)
- Uniform swap Oct 3 - (rain date Oct 9th)
- Halloween Costume - collection will take place till the day before. PTA will collect, sort and distribute. Distribution will happen on Oct 30th after school
- Bring Your Dad To School event - PTA is looking for volunteers
- Haunted House - currently working on marketing, fundraising etc with support from the school to make this a great event
- PTA Meeting - scheduled tomorrow Sep 19 at 8:45am
- Donations and fundraising - ongoing at the moment

Spanish DL - Picnic Participation

- SDLP parents are excited to join and support in any way possible

UFT Report

- Wit and Wisdom is the new curriculum being implemented
- Some teachers are working in translating W+W resources for the DL programs
- PTCs will be fully remote for this school year
- Working on logistics on having the whole building - ACs working, printers connected, etc.

Other

- SLT selected new members for SY24-26 (V. Chan, E. Angelaras, M. Yoffe, M. Berrios)
- Training will take place for new members, likely virtual. Sara will share more info later.
- Chancellors' Regulations were shared with all members for review prior to the meeting
- SLT bylaws were shared with all members for review prior to the meeting
- PTA might run an election mid-year to recruit more help on their fundraising committee
- Wits Lab - what is the status of the implementation for this year?
- Brighter bites - can we inquire about if it is something we can bring back to PS145M. Ms. Wilder will inquire about it.
- Cell Phone policy resource - the NYC DOE has put this out. As a school, we have several options on how to implement this new policy.

Principal's report

- Ms. Wilder will email the SLT members the principal report.
 - Curriculum mapping has been completed through November
 - BOY assessments and screeners have begun
 - iReady math k-5, Singapore math assessment K-2
 - 3K/PreK will continue to use the creative curriculum
 - Upcoming events:
 - Studio in a School - New teacher Ms. B.
 - Additional 3K classrooms
 - 6 day schedule and cluster groups (SY24-25)
 - 6 day schedule (SY25-26) academically groups next year
 - 3 lunch periods are being implemented this school year K/1 10:15am, 2/4 11:08am, 12:03pm
 - Birthday celebrations will only take place once a month
 - Arcade room - will be open next week as an alternative recess location. The teacher will fill a card for students to attend the arcade room - if they want/earn it
 - After school programs have started. New programs will be added throughout the school year
- Late pick up - school building doors are being shut at 2:45pm to encourage parents to pick up students on time. At the moment, about 25 parents have been an hour plus late to pick up their children
- Cell phone policy at PS145M - Admin wants to work together with parents on how to best implement this new DOE policy. Last year, cell phone use amongst students created lots of issues due to students texting parents about incidents and parents

coming in ready to demand explanation

- Cell phone policy proposal - collect all students' phones by class and save them in a locked cabinet till the end of the day. The locker is located in Ms. Gaytan's office.
- Lauren attended the CPAC meeting and shared some implementations that were shared at the meeting by the chancellors and their safety team re: cell phone policy. Middle and high school showed more positive impact from the pilot of this policy - less distraction, less bullying, etc.
- The biggest push back from parents is about their child being in danger and their child not being able to reach out to them.
- Admin has determined to update parents in the school app every time there is a drill
- Embed a frequent Q&A in the cell phone policy release by the school - to be send home in student backpacks (idea suggested by Olga)
- Share the information of cell phone policy with parents using the PTA, parent class chat, to soften the blow (idea suggested by Susan)
- YMCA and Tinies cannot be combined due to liability and insurance (legality issues) as a measure to help parents not be late for pick up if they have multiple kids in the school and at different programs.