



SLT MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2023

Welcome:

Mrs. Chang welcomed all SLT members. Minutes were sent via email. Mrs. Chang asked for minutes to be accepted. Parents felt that the minutes came late and they did not have time for review.. They also asked to have one other parent sit in on the meeting. Mrs. Chang agreed but stated that he could not participate, only observe.

New Building Updates:

Mrs. Chang informed us that the playground will reopen in January. The trailers have been moved out. The tile work is being finished and the lighting and solar work is being worked on as well. In March there will be a final walkthrough for the official opening in September.

Safety and Security:

Ms. Samolis reported that there was a Code Blue done in September. Seven more staff members will be trained. Buzzer doors are scheduled to be installed. The rails in front of the building and in between the cement stairs will also be installed. The copy of the safety plan can be found in the main office. The custodian also has a copy.

District 30 Sports Program – Intra-mural Co-ed Team Sports:

Mrs. Parada gave updates on the basketball program. Our team lost to P.S. 234. The next game is scheduled for this Thursday. A bus was secured to take our team to P.S. 171. Discussion followed regarding parents being allowed to attend the games. Mrs. Chang responded that space is very limited and parents of the players would have priority. Away games would only permit one parent per player to attend. Parents inquired about a schedule of games. Mrs. Parada agreed to provide. Ms. Pasquerelli is the cheerleading coach. Soccer is scheduled for the Spring.



P.S. 85Q - Arts CASA Grant:

Ms. Samolis informed us of the CASA grant which allowed us to secure CWP for the after school dance program which will take place December 13- March 5, 2024 from 2:30-4:00pm. 4th graders will receive dance classes once a week on Fridays. 5th grade will receive classes twice a week on Thursdays and Fridays through Dancing Classrooms. There will be a culminating activity. We have also received funding from the PA for Dance Wave, beginning January 4th for 3rd grade. Mrs. Chang added that 2nd grade will participate in swimming lessons. Buses will take students to the Flushing Meadows Pool. There will be 10 lessons beginning in January. Parents will need to provide permission. Students without consent will remain at school. The question arose of if there will be a nurse on site. Mrs. Chang stated that she will find out.

ENL Support for New Migrant Students:

Mrs. Chang explained that we have a plan of action that we are implementing. This is not at the expense of other students. Teachers have shared best practices. Mr. Tsimis and Ms. Vasilopoulos have provided Professional Development for our staff. We have also planned for small group luncheons for newcomers.

Mrs. Chang added that on Oct 30, 2023 there were 35 new students enrolled. Many have interrupted formal education. Many are not literate in their own language. We purchased additional libraries to support ENL students. Additionally we provided Ipads to translate in every class. The HMH and Envisions curriculum provide all materials in Spanish. Mr. Tsimis added that we use the following programs which provide translations, Wonderopolis, Google translate and Microsoft. We have also provided a bilingual para in classrooms affected by new migrants. The current cap for class size is 32 in elementary classes; 25 students for kindergarten. The new law will be in effect in September and will gradually bring class sizes to 18.

ENL students are mixed with Gen Ed or ICT. The question arose of how many classes per grade:

PreK- 2

K- 4

1st-3

2nd-3

3rd-3



4th-3

5th-4

US News and World Report K-12:

Out of 78,523 elementary schools, in New York State - PS 85 Q's Rating is 82 in New York Elementary Schools and 48 in New York City Elementary Schools.

ELA and Math and Science Exam Administration:

Ms. Samolis informed us that the 5th graders would be taking the tests online. We have begun preparing them by taking most assessments online including the MOSL test. 3rd and 4th grades will be paper based. New York City is scheduled for 2 days.

- ❖ The New York State (NYS) grades 3–4 English Language Arts (ELA) and Math exams will be tentatively administered from April 10 - April 12, 2023 and May 7 – May 9, 2023 respectively
- ❖ · The New York State (NYS) Grade 5 Computer Based Testing in ELA, Math and Science will take place on April 8 – May 17, 2023
- ❖ · Transition to Computer-Based Testing: Schools continue to have the option of participating in operational computer-based testing (CBT) in any grade/content area prior to its requirement. Full implementation of required administration on computer for grades 3–8 ELA, math, elementary- and intermediate-level science will take place as described below:
 - ❖ · In 2024 all schools will be required to participate in operational CBT administration in grades 5 and 8 ELA, math, and science.
 - ❖ · In 2025, all schools will be required to participate in operational CBT administration in grades 4, 5, 6, and 8.
 - ❖ · In 2026, all schools will be required to participate in operational CBT administration for all grades 3–8 • In Support of the Chancellor's Pillar #4 Engaging Families to be our True Partners

Share Save for College Program Information with Families

Ms Migliaccio reported that students in kindergarten through grade 5 in District 30 are eligible to participate in the Save for College Program managed through NYC Kids



RISE. Kindergarten students have the opportunity to accept \$100 to start. New 1st and 2nd graders to NYC schools will also be eligible for this opportunity.

Title 1 - Parent ideas to utilize funding

Discussion revolved around the following ideas:

- ❖ Family Literacy
- ❖ Internet Safety
- ❖ Bullying
- ❖ Technology
- ❖ Virtual or in person workshops
- ❖ Metro card reimbursement
- ❖ Parent book clubs

Mrs. Chang explained that in order to implement any of these ideas they must be aligned with school goals and the CEP. 1% of funding can be allotted to be used for programs which include both students and parents.

Lunch Forms and Title 1

Mrs. Chang reported that our school needs all completed lunch forms to be submitted by families in order to maintain Title 1 status.

Open Forum

Parents raised issues about sharing information. Mrs. Parada responded that the minutes from SLT are public and posted online. She added that the calendar is live and also on the school website. Ms. Lin also offered that teachers have 50 minutes per week of parent engagement built into the contract and can reach out to families. Parents also expressed concerns about communication regarding classroom changes and teacher assignments. Mrs. Chang explained that sometimes information arises late in the evening or over the weekend. She had done her best to make changes to classrooms that were best for students and the school community. Parents described the need to see Mrs. Chang in person. Mrs. Chang offered time during the school day for meetings and tea time.