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## SLT Minutes March 26, 2024

Mrs. Chang welcomed everyone. February meeting minutes were approved.

- Ms. Samolis gave a summary of Title III. It is funding to support our ENL students and has been used as an afterschool program to support our students. It supports all ENL students.
- Mrs. Chang stated that the Title III funding is roughly \$23,000 and each year it changes. Title III enables students to learn more academic English and extra help to support our ELLs to be successful. We have several teachers in our school that can teach Common Branch and ENL. Presently we have a teacher on each grade (5) to support our ENL learners. We also buy additional supplies for them in order to prepare them for NYSESLAT.
- School performance, the state has finally released the performance of all schools, our school is in Good Standing they call it targeted assistance, because schools that are in Good Standing still need additional support to maintain their standing. A letter went home to all families regarding our standing.
- Pi Day –We look forward to Pi Day every year where the students engage in math and eat pie. Our students who were fasting during Ramadan took their packaged pies home.
- Safety and Security – Safe Entry system is in place. Visitors ring the main entrance bell and are let in and it has been going very well. Parents are reminded to bring in a NYS identification.
  - Pickup – parents sending a person to pick up their child and the person picking up is not on the Blue Card.



- Dismissal – Teachers are required to know who is picking up the child. We ask parents to please do not ask questions during dismissal to the teachers because it distracts the teacher from watching who the child is going home with. Parents often take their children off the line before teachers can acknowledge their dismissal.
- School Construction – playground is being installed, flooring is in place, the PRE-K furniture has been ordered, the technology has been ordered for every class PreK – 4. Mrs. Chang chose the furniture for all the grades and has finalized the furniture the main office, parent engagement room, the dietician room and the teacher’s lounge. In the Parent Engagement room, there will be a space for Ms. Michela to meet with parents. There will be a computer in the room to help support parents. It will be inviting and welcoming for all parents Prek – 5. SCA is waiting for FDNY approval of the fire alarm system to TCO. Mrs. Chang is projecting Pre-K – 3 as well as the Speech teacher and Guidance Counselors.
- Cafeteria Upgrades –Mrs. Chang participated in the mandated meeting UFT Protocol Meeting for the Cafeteria upgrade which included myself, the UFT Chapter Leader, Ms. Lin and Custodian. We are projecting the project should be from June 2024 to July 2024, our building is considered a “hot” building and will begin with asbestos removal in the lunchroom. Once a company comes in and gives their approval then the project can begin. The cafeteria will have been painted, new lighting and new tables. The floor has been submitted to School Construction but is not considered a part of the upgrade. Students attending in the main building will experience a newly upgraded cafeteria.
- Future School Events – Mrs. Chang asked if there would be any new events. Ms. Rahaman stated that there will be an Expo where local businesses will be invited to set up a table that will have different tiers of how they want to be set up, including different table location and how they will be advertised on the PA’s social media. There will be 50 – 60 tables required. Which may



include the lunchroom tables, PA has to determine if they might have to rent tables to have enough for the event. The PA is also asking if tables can be set aside or folded up. Parent Association will have to come in and see cafeteria area to determine table layout.

- Teacher Talent Night -Will be on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Will need to double-check google form for participation, teachers did not receive form. Ms. Lin will take the form and send with her distribution list.
  - D30 Fun Day – May 11<sup>th</sup> – The form has been filled out and sent for PS85Q’s participation.
  - School Dance – June 14<sup>th</sup> – Tentative
  - Field Day – Date to be determined.
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> – President’s Council – PS85Q has been volunteered as a meeting space in the cafeteria. Parent Association will provide refreshments.
- There will be no field trip for Mets Education Day, dates do not coincide with testing dates.
  - Testing – Testing is coming up ELA April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, grades 3 and 4 will be taking the paper-based test and grade 5 will be computer-based. May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> is the math test, grades 3 and 4 will be paper-based and grade 5 will be computer based. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science test. Additional testing that will be taking place is the NYSESLAT which is for all of our ELL students and that is also May 15<sup>th</sup> and that is usually a 3-day test.
  - Language Access Services – Whenever parents visit the school they can indicate their preferred language. We always have to be in compliance, we have translation supports, we have free over the phone interpretation, Ms. Samolis always reminds teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences. We could also have in person and virtual interpretation and parents are entitled to free IEP translation and any documents translated into their language.

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- Summer Rising – Deadline was March 25<sup>th</sup>, there is a waiting list. An email was sent out by our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Migliaccio. An extension may be given for signing up. This is the first year that it is not first come first served.
- Ramadan – our students are escorted to the auditorium, so that they do not have to see food. A school aide is with them during the time.
- Open Forum
  - Mrs. Calabro mentions how Ms. Sideris has halted Fitness Gram for students observing Ramadan.
  - School Survey reminder will be sent out by Mr. Clifton by parents.
  - CEP training – District CEP – is online on the District 30 website. PS85Q has to be in alignment with District 30. The CEP template has changed for the 2024 – 2025 school year.
  - Title I Representative – Ms. Sonia Miranda introduced herself.
- Meeting concluded.