

## **School Leadership Team Meeting**

Date: 11/6/2023 – In Person

Minutes Taken by Jennifer Aldano

Members in Attendance: Jessica Geller, Janis Soper, Jennifer Aldano, Kalliopi Alevriadis, Ingrid Nunez, Jennifer Trizulino, Nicole Arriaga-Bell, Elizabeth O'Connor, Olivia Ramirez, Jennifer Carrel Picerno, Pragya Mirza, and Katherine Tsimis

Additional individuals in attendance: Tara Alcaraz, Olga Hernandez

Absent: Sarah Frazier, Lambrini Matsas and Erin Bersak LaFarge

### **Meeting Convened**

Minutes from 10/2/2023 unanimously approved.

### **Principal's Report:**

#### *SLT Meetings:*

Krishna Ruano officially resigned and Pragya Mirza is joining us as new member of the SLT. We will be reaching out to Erin Bersak LaFarge to find out if she will also be resigning or saying something else.

The auditorium will be painted this coming Wednesday 11/8/2023. There will be painting and taking down flagpoles, etc.

We are still in need of ESL teachers.

There are 2 ESL positions. One good thing is that the State is giving a certification test. People can either take the test or the 12 credits to get an ESL license.

Anybody who has a valid NYS teaching license can take this test.

Unlike in the past when teachers had to go back to school. We will be reviewing with the staff.

Ms. Martinez retired last year, and she is now working Part time with kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade helping with the English side for students who need services. She has a set schedule and her only job is to work with those kids in these classes. Since budget projections have been met, we decided best way to get some services until we find permanent teachers.

The test scores were very good. Particularly Math State test scores were very good.

For student with 3-4 proficiency

ELA went up from 59% to 66%

Math went up from 60% to 73%  
District went up 1% in ELA we went up 7%  
District went up 10% in Math we went up 13%  
Overall the growth in all the grades except for one.  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade in ELA 64% to 54% (the only decline)  
4<sup>th</sup> grade went from 60% to 73% in reading  
5<sup>th</sup> grade went from 51% to 69% in reading

Math everyone went up  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade went from 65% to 72%  
4<sup>th</sup> grade went from 59% to 71%  
5<sup>th</sup> grade went from 55% to 75%  
Overall in the subgroups there were no declines  
Our ELA students with disabilities went from 7% to 15%  
Our school results far outweighed our district counterparts.  
From an administrative perspective the test being computerized was much more efficient.

The chancellor coming to school to observe implementation the day before Thanksgiving.

Generation ready consulting is coming in to do Professional development for all the teachers. For the new reading curriculum, they will be giving 20 days of PD for each teacher. It will be 2 people (reading and math) District levels.

We still have a lot of students in the lower grades below the benchmark. 165 below the benchmark (k-2) That is the area we are going to work on in the district level. Working on another phonics program called Heggerty (new phonics program)

We believe that the kids are well rounded and need experiences beyond academics. So, we will continue with enrichment because there is no reason to believe that we need to stop based on grades.

There are 2 games scheduled in December and one in January.

New Items:

We will start trying to explore the possibility of finding alternatives to Serious Fun for the coming year. Ideally, we would like to work solely with Jacob Riss and working with them to explore possibilities. We will not be making changes without finding another alternative.

There are many things left in the lost and found. We will now work with the laundromat to have it professionally cleaned once every 6-8 weeks and put it in the "store" for the newcomers.

### *Calendar*

The school is not off for Veteran's Day

There is no school from 11/23/2023-11/24/2023 for Thanksgiving Day.

11/30/2023 is a half-day for students will be dismissed at 11:25 am for parent-teacher conferences.

### **PTA Report:**

Pot luck will be this week for social committee. Multicultural event where everyone brings a dish.

Winter workshop for 12/12/2023 which will be social.

Had the 1<sup>st</sup> Street festival which was really fun for the kids and everyone had a great time.

However, it did run at a deficit. We raised about 7,000 but spent 9,000

We are considering doing an end of year street festival instead of Pig Beach

Picture day proofs went out this week.

We are doing a Candy sale this year in place of original works-the profit is 50% of the sale.

ESS is capped. We are approximately at \$25,000 of funding came in throughout the year

Auction kick off meeting last Monday. We started to look for sponsorship

We have a garden committee chair which is a K parent

We have paid out most of enrichments and now just scheduling.