



SLT Agenda January 16, 2024

Mrs. Chang welcomed everyone to the January SLT meeting.

- **Review December Minutes-**

Minutes were accepted unanimously.

- **SLT By Laws**

Mrs. Chang explained that the bylaws are specific. We maintain our meetings on Tuesdays because we follow the SLT bylaws. They also stipulate how many members are on the school side and parent side of team. There must be a balance. The parents must elect a replacement member. Parents said they would bring up at next PA meeting.

- **CEP – MOY in progress**

Mrs. Parada reported that the mid-year progress assessments have begun. We have been at 93% for attendance for the past few weeks. We have noticed chronic attendance issues which have been examined by the attendance teacher. The instability of new immigrants has affected the attendance rate. Lapses in their residence have impacted our attendance. There have been illnesses that have been very rampant recently therefore we have student absences.

- **iReady**

37% are mid to above grade level and 19% on grade level. This indicates that we will reach our CEP goals by the end of the year.

- **Afterschool**

Our After School programs for ELA and Math in grades 3-5 have been scheduled to begin on January 17, 2024. It will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays. A waiting list has been established and we will reach out if there are students who do not attend. Mrs. Chang explained that there have been materials purchased to support students for small group instructions. A question arose, regarding how many students are enrolled. There are currently 75 students enrolled. Mrs. Chang explained that we have a limited amount of teachers to work the extra hours. We have examined which grades have a greater need. We will also try to implement a Lunch & Learn opportunity for students who were unable to take part in the after school program. Mrs. Parada added that she had posted released state test questions for families to practice at home.

- **PA Sponsored - Arts Enrichment**

Mrs. Chang thanked the PA for their support in helping to fund for our current arts programs. They have been implemented on Fridays. 5th grade have been immersed in the Dancing Classrooms program which was extended from last year. Mrs. Chang also mentioned our gratitude for the involvement in the Audubon partnership which will kick off in March. The PA expressed their appreciation for the parent/school collaboration over the past month. They



also thanked Mrs. Parada for the schoolwide Clasdojo messages account and messages. They are excited about the upcoming Tea Time with Mrs. Chang. They also appreciated the links for school basketball games that was sent to families.

- **RESO-A Suggestions**

RESO-A is due in the Fall. The city council member or borough representative offers a schoolwide project to upgrade something in the building. In the past the funding helped us to upgrade the auditorium, the technology lab, and the science lab. Money comes from the council person's discretionary funds. One of the suggestions was for outdoor play equipment to add to the equipment which was funded by Ms. Schager's Donor's Choose project. Mrs. Chang explained that these grants are for larger projects which would cost upwards of \$50,000. Discussion revolved around the possibility of a gymnasium upgrade, as well as more technology. The PA offered to discuss at their next meeting for ideas.

- **School Construction Update**

Mrs. Chang reported that the building has been moving at a quick pace. The final piece of the playground is going in as well as insulation and fencing. Mrs. Chang was scheduled to enter the building for a walk through in March. There was a parent complaint that there was a strange smell, which was explained to be the asphalt that was being poured for the playground.

- **Safety and Security**

Mrs. Chang discussed the new safety doors. They have pre- drilled and pre-identified where the installations will be put in. Because of asbestos concerns, a special company would need to be used for any drilling. Additionally, Mrs. Chang reminded parents that the school is not responsible for items, such as iPads and Apple watches that students have brought to school.

- **Title 1**

Presently we are not a Title 1 school due to Universal lunch status has ended. Mrs. Chang explained that we are waiting to find out if we will become a Title 1 school once again. The PA had also tried to encourage families to complete forms. The concern is that the same parents who have filled out the forms, are hearing the messages. Mrs. Chang suggested promoting this in the fall early enough for the upcoming year.

- **Schoolwide Dojo**

Mrs. Parada reported that Dojo was created and has reached most of the school community. A form was sent to families to update their emails. Our P.S. 85 newsletter is coming shortly. Mrs. Chang said that we will be monitoring comments and feedback.

- **Basketball Team/Cheerleaders updates**

Our Roaring Tigers team has been participating in district intramurals. We are unable to invite all parents due to limited space. Currently, the parents of players are only able to attend. Our cheerleaders have been led by Ms. Pascarelli. Uniforms were ordered for them.



- **Open House – Pre-K and Kindergarten**

Our Kindergarten open house was very well attended. Pre-K was truncated a few years ago when we went from 4 Pre-K classes to 2 Pre-K. We want to go back to having more classes. Once we are able, we will invite potential Pre-K and Kindergarten parents to tour the new building around the last week of August-first week of September when we receive the final certificate of occupancy.

- **Open Forum**

A question arose if asbestos removal would qualify for RESO-A . Mrs. Chang explained that as a safety concern it would be resolved by school construction if necessary.

Another concern regarding the nurse attending the swimming classes with students who needed specific medical care was also asked. The concern was that the school can not send the nurse out of the building, leaving the entire student body without care. Mrs. Chang explained that we have requested supplemental nurse assistance for these trips. The nurse was also consulted by concerned parents. The nurse confirmed that this was true.

The PA also asked if teachers were interested in after school activities for teacher appreciation. Ms. Lin suggested providing a poll for teachers because many do not live close by and need to get home for their families. Mrs. Chang added that teacher talent night was done at the Bohemian Hall right after school which was close enough for everyone to attend. There was discussion revolving around an adults only event and the possibility of auction items. It was suggested that the decision was made early so that participants would be able to plan accordingly. Ms. Samolis reminded us of Eid coming up in April and that we needed to be mindful of the school community when planning for events.