



# P.S. 88Q \* THE SENECA SCHOOL

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## **SLT Meeting Minutes** **March 28, 2017** **Room 305**

Meeting called to order at 3:43pm

### **Members Present:**

Mr. Quintana, Principal; Mr. Gary Mintz, Member/Teacher/SLT Chairperson; Ms. Tracy Neidkowski, Member/Parent; Ms. Cynthia Wilson, Member/DC37; Mr. Rajan Karmacharya, Member/Parent; Ms. Mollie Lauffer, Member/Parent/SLT Co-Secretary; Ms. Susan Stark, UFT/Member

### **Members Absent:**

Mr. Michael Adams, PTA President; Ms. Ivana Heinsohn, Member/Parent/SLT Co-Secretary; Ms. Patricia Molina, Member/Teacher

- Review & approval of minutes from 3/9/2017 meeting
- NYC schools budget cut (including Title 1 funding) discussed:  
A Parent Advisory Council (PAC) must be created as a subcommittee of PTA to develop Title 1 Parent Involvement Allocation Spending Plan  
SLT must focus on the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) which is the top priority  
Make sure we have copies of PTA bylaws. Things can get held up/delayed if bylaws are lost (example cited: transition of PTA this year).  
Program suggestions: WordStart literacy program (Ms. Neidkowski), instructional programs on math (Ms. Stark)
- The Chancellor wants principals to talk about immigration:  
How to be respectful, polite, & respect diversity at PS88  
Fordham Law Immigration Preparedness Project is offering "Know Your Rights" workshop for parents, teachers, and community members to discuss all the rights of immigrants.  
Families can also connect to legal service through Action NYC.
- Mr. Quintana: Big thank you to the PTA & Mr. Adams for fixing the auditorium sound system: perfect collaboration between admin & PTA, speedy implementation, works great.
- Environmental Survey Deadline is March 31

Testing updates:

- Math testing dates: May 2, 3, 4
- Thank you to Ms. DiGregorio - she helped students practice relaxation techniques before testing to calm down, relieve anxiety.
- Mr. Quintana shared math data for grades 3, 4, 5; scores reflect post-Common Core so it is controversial data. What PS88 has done to improve scores: departmentalization, math clusters, parent workshops, and teacher coaches.
  - ELA data to be discussed at next meeting
  - Math & ELA data will be used to shape the CEP
  - We will break down data into sub-groups (students w/ disabilities, ELL, etc.) to be more strategic
  - Numbers are low but have increased
  - Ms. Stark added that teachers have become more informed about data since Mr. Quintana became principal
  - Use of Go Math, ReadyGen may be reexamined
- PS88 will receive \$100,000 for school upgrades (parents vote - 3 options)
- Participatory budgeting deadline is April 2 -- we want \$500,000 for playground in big yard.
- Spring Break is April 10-18 - school closed
- PTA meeting rescheduled for April 4
- Next SLT meeting: April 25

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mollie Lauffer