

SLT- MINUTES MEETING #1
09/26/19

Attendees: Mrs. O'Shaughnessy-Principal
Mrs. Lobello- SLT Teacher
Ms. Wilson-DC 37
Ms. Sharabi-Teacher
Ms. Drazila-PTA President
Mrs. Neidkowski-Parent
Mrs. Wang-Silonga-Parent
Mrs. Carti- Parent
Mrs. Enriquez- Parent
Mr. Goodish- Greater Ridgewood Youth Council
Ms. Mari- Administrative intern

The meeting was called to order at 2:51pm. Mrs. Stark was absent. Mrs. Neidowski arrived at 3:30pm.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy asked everyone at the meeting to give a brief Introduction of who they are.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy reviewed the PAC and their roles in Title 1 money and Mrs. Carti said she is working with Mrs. Ramos on it.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that Ms. Nancy Mari was interning for an administrator position and will be sitting in for the meeting.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga shared the minutes from the last meeting. There was no objection.

Ms. Drazila shared the PTA Report. She shared that she met teachers from each grade and asked what the teachers needed support in. Ms. Drazila said that there are two new members for PTA, PTA Vice President Thony Revelo and PTA Secretary Monica Rodriguez. She said she still needs to meet with them to go over the whole year and prospective PTA meeting dates.

Mrs. Sharabi expressed interest in the Color Run and shared that Mr. Revelo was interested in it as well. Ms. Drazila said she still needs to think it over before confirming.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said that the PTA can fundraise all they want to help our school.

Ms. Drazila shares that one free event was done over the summer, Movie Night with money from the fundraising last year. She said that the scholastic book fair is still currently going on this week.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that the Fire alarm system began in the summer and is being repaired. She said there will be a full revamp of the alarm system and sprinklers.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that the AC system is out of the design phase and is in the planning phase for the cafeteria.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared the email that confirmed the new public playground. They needed to fund the salary for custodians to close it after. She shared that it would be opened to the public as well. Mrs. Carti and Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared thoughts about it being a public playground. Mrs. Enrique shared that she believes playgrounds on the school site is usually closed to the public, until school is out.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said to feel free to share concerns and questions, so that she can ask when there is a meeting to discuss the playground. The design has not yet been decided.

Mrs. Lobello, Ms. Fonates , Ms. Clementes, Ms. Lamaga, Ms. Ramos, Ms. Singer, Mr. Flin, Ms. Coneides were amongst 10 who were abscessed. Mrs. Lobello and Ms. Fontanes came back.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that lots of new families in Kindergarten ended up enrolling when school started. The 5 kindergarten classes were almost maxed out with already 26 kids more than what was projected last year. There are 4 first grade classes now.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said we added an extra Kindergarten, 1st and 4th grade class. She said that the school hired from the ATR pool, teachers that were abscessed in the past.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared the two 8 in one in 2 of the PreK special education classes were added and 3 teachers for preK expansion. They get their own PT, ST, OT.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that the school will have one more new special education teacher. Several teachers came back because of the influx.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that we have a new music program and that music teachers are being interviewed. There is currently one music teacher right now who is playing the guitar and singing to the kids. Everyone will be getting music.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that our school is doing CS4All and it will include having a makerspace.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that our school received a \$1,200 book grant and that Holden paid for CASA last year. She said there will be a new art grant-coming in for art based on culture through art and some of our school's demographics were looked at. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said she is thinking the art grant will be a Saturday program.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said the school will be focusing on Saturday on the L program. It will be for the whole school-- "flipped style"- we are working on showing impact on state scores.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy brought up afterschool and enrichment that Mrs. Lauffer, prior SLT Parent has brought up. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said we would need to secure funding and it would have to come from Title 1.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said there is money that is set aside for ELA and Math support.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that our school has basketball, Disney, Safe and Caring and Law Club, all based on teachers that volunteer to do it for free.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked about yoga and if it's being implemented in different ways in the classroom. Mrs. Carti said there are lots of academics in her son's schedule and also two periods of gym and asked if one period can possibly go to yoga. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said there needs to be 120 minutes a week of gym and the time they still need for physical activity is being done in the classroom. She said Yoga had to be taken out because of the 1.2 million deficit last year.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said there is a 7th cluster that need to be filled, Mrs. Racreanu spot.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that the Superintendent came in and looked at our CEP, asking us how our school plans to improve.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said she is trying to improve our school's literacy curriculum like last year. She said she needs to find out what support, our school is giving kids.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that math scores went up, 11 percent in third grade alone and we are looking at how to leverage it.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said there needs to be strength in core instruction, strength in knowing every student and what assessments are being used.

Mrs. Enriquez asked if tutoring is offered. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said AIS is offered.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked if teachers like the current curriculum that is being used. Mrs. Lobello, Ms. Sharabi and Mrs. O' Shaughnessy does think the curriculum is effective, such as Go Math. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared she wants teachers to be creative and think outside the box.

Mrs. Lobello and Mrs. O' Shaughnessy agreed that the math curriculum seemed to be working, but Literacy had to change so that we can improve.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that Math was Envisions citywide, but our school stayed with Go Math; and that the Science cluster is meant to help with literacy.

Ms. Lobello explained ratings are based on based on standards and state exams, not necessarily how much the kids know. Mrs. Sharabi said our school does differentiated

learning, but state exams do not test in a differentiated way. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said to look at impact. Proficient and impact are separate.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said that PLC Team work with teachers to discuss what works and doesn't work.

She said the Chancellor is implementing advanced literary that is non- negotiable, that would go on our website.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said the teachers are noticing if the prior grade is not on the current grade level.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that Foundations is the research based phonics program we use.

Mrs. Enriquez asked if teachers get to go to workshops to share their thoughts. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said they are sent to Professional Developments and workshops.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said Grade 5, there's an AIS period where they help kids who need extra help and our school is progress monitoring.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that she is taking groups of teachers to give feedback to every night.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said she wants teachers to know they are safe and secure to teach.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that PS 16 and 19 are ELL and we currently have the same proficiency as those schools.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that new SLT members can also be logged onto iplan with others to look at CEP goals and to work on them. Mrs. Neidowski said she also needs to be logged in.

Mrs. Enriquez asked what teachers do with kids that are struggling.

Ms. O' Shaughnessy said teachers need to know their students.

Mrs. Lobello and Ms. Sharabi explained what she does when her students are struggling in the class and that they do re-teach based on if few of the students need help or if the majority of the class could benefit from it. They shared that kids that need help are taken into account to and they try to help.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy explained that kids learn from each other in differentiated learning in all classes and said there is no top class.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said if we stay for the full 3 hours, then we can work on CEP longer and there are lots to work on.

Mrs. Lobello asked if we can meet 2:45pm - 5:45pm for next SLT meetings. There was no objection.

The SLT decided to do all SLT meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared the Tentative meetings for the year: October 24, November 21st, December 19th (chancellor will be at the CEC meeting in District 24), January 16, February 27, March 6, April 23rd, May 21st and June 18th.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said that at the next meeting, we will elect the SLT Chairperson.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy called the meeting at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Wang-Silonga