

SLT- MINUTES MEETING #2
10/24/19

Attendees: Mrs.O'Shaughnessy-Principal
Mrs. Stark-UFT Representative
Mrs. Lobello- SLT Teacher
Ms. Wilson-DC 37
Ms. Sharabi-Teacher
Ms. Drazila-PTA President
Mrs. Neidkowski-Parent
Mrs. Wang-Silonga-Parent
Mrs. Enriquez- Parent
Mr. Goodish- Greater Ridgewood Youth Council
Mr. Revelo- PTA Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 2:45pm. Mrs. Carti was not present.

Mrs. Stark asked if we could adjust our SLT meeting dates, as she was in several other meetings that overlapped. There was no objection.

Mrs. Stark reviewed and SLT members agreed to the proposed prospective meetings for the rest of the year:

Nov 21 was changed to Nov 14.

December 19th was changed to December 12.

January 16 stayed the same.

Feb 27 stayed the same.

March 26 stayed the same.

April 23rd was changed to April 30.

May 21 stayed the same.

June 18 was now changed to June 11.

Mrs. O' Shaughnesey reviewed the items in the folder she created for everyone and reviewed some of our main goals for the year.

Mrs. O' Shaughnesey shared that ELA, Math and Science are the District Goals and our school needs to be aligned with that. We also need to improve our attendance, our ELL students and students with disabilities scores.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared that the SLT members from last year came up with the school goals and logo.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey asked for the SLT to think of its mission--she said our mission is to understand the strengths and needs of our school communities and to empower all stakeholders to make a difference.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said that our educational vision can be our school vision.

Mrs. Stark says that the bylaws should be added on to say that one SLT member should be PAC.

Everyone reviewed the bylaws together. SLT needs to follow up on the SLT Mission, PAC addition and the last page of bylaws.

Mrs. Enriquez asked why there need to be a D37 here.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said she will be sending the SLT secretary a link with more details to elaborate everyone's roles here.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said that Title 1's 1 percent for the PAC is different from the PTA..

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said that the bigger the percentage of family income survey that gets filled, the more money we can get for the school.

Mrs. Stark asked if there was an update on the security cameras Mrs. Carti spoke about last year. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said we did not get the security cameras.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey went over the role of a SLT Chairperson, as the role still needs to be voted on today. She said the SLT Chairperson(s) help schedule meetings, help team members have the information they need to guide their planning, follow up with visitors, date and time to make sure all information gets communicated for meetings; and that the PTA come with data if needed and etc.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey was voted to be the SLT Chairperson and Mrs. Enriquez was voted to be co-chair.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey asked Mrs. Drazila for the PTA Report.

Ms. Drazila said that the PTA hit a new record for the Scholastic book fair and made \$10,002.

Ms. Drazila shared that the Fall Carnival is tomorrow and about 500 people RSVPed. Mr. Revelo said that the yard should be cleared by 3pm. Mrs. Drazila shared 4 safety agents is anticipated to come.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked if there needs to be a waiver form for those who attend the carnival. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said we have a permit. Mrs. Stark suggested possibly having a volunteer ambulance on standby.

Mrs. Sharabi asked how many volunteers signed up to help with the festival. Ms. Drazila said about 16.

Mrs. Sharabi asked how much tickets are. Mr. Revelo and Ms. Drazila said 50 cents each.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said Thursday is the Halloween Parade.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said attendance is crucial and comes hand in hand with school performance.

Mrs. Enriquez asked what we are doing if kids are chronically absent. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said we call the parents in to talk to them.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared that we hired a new school aide, Anthony and he's been helping during pick up time.

Ms. Enriquez asked if for prek, there is someone at the door in the morning. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey says yes, there should be someone at the door in the morning and it is a hand to hand drop off. Mr. Revelo shared his thoughts on the fire drill and Mrs. O' Shaughnessey says that the last class should be the class that closes the door.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said everyone had training on safety (single file, who holds stop sign, crosswalks, check assembly cards, sweeper and etc).

Mrs. Sharabi and Mrs. Lobello shared their thoughts on the soft lock down that was mandated to be done by 10/31.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said single file is DOE rule. Mrs. Sharabi asked about coats in winter. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said DOE rules says to put coats on.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared that when students evacuate, they walk to PS91 and that children with asthma go to a different safe room, as they do not leave the building. Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked if parents of children with asthma knows. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey says that the parents do know.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said she will email the information on the Fire Drill coat policy to SLT members.

Mrs Neidowski asked when parents are notified in the event of an emergency. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said parents are alerted as soon as the kids evacuate, as the autodialer goes on.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked about what the school recommends during rainy days for this year and asked if a large umbrella per class would be an option. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey says umbrellas and raincoats can be used by the kids, but everyone needs to be careful with the umbrellas.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared that parents do not go beyond the 1st floor without a purpose.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said we may be installing a flag that points to the main office so visitors can find it easier.

Mr. Revolo said the person who painted the PTA room, could also come in to paint the hallway walls. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said she told Mrs. Fogarty that she could do something to the hallway. Mrs. Stark shared there was one year where a collaborative mural was done in the hallway and auditorium. Mrs. Wang-Silonga says maybe that it is something the school can do for parent engagement.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared that the Superintendent and 10 chancellors was supposed to come do a walkthrough at our school to see what we are working on, but it was postponed.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said that the Superintendent said our school is part of a group made up of 10 principals working together and connecting.

Mrs. Enriquez asked what the purpose of the walkthrough is. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said our school is part of a small cohort- 10 others will do the same-Mrs. O' Shaughnessey will sit in once a month with them. Each month she will go to a different school to explore and talk.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared that our school is streamlining assessments and doing I Ready.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said we remained at 35% for ELA and improved in math.

Ms. Drazila told us PTA is doing Storyworks- a scholastic monthly subscription for fourth and fifth grade. Mrs. Wang-Silonga shared that Mark, PTA treasurer had shared how much he liked the program in his daughter's class.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said she wants our school to have a clear timeline of events.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked if there will still be book of the month.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said yes, and a parent (s) can take over it if they want. She said there was a sign up for teachers to hear the read aloud and she may do bagels next month.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said that Mrs. Palesty's room will be highlighted with books of the month and responses.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said there will also be a Parent teacher resource room.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked if the Parent Teacher Resource room is the one Mrs. Chun is working on.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said she doesn't think it's the same. Mrs. Wang-Silonga said she will follow up with Mrs. Chun to see if there's an update on it.

Mrs. Lobello asked if we could teach English to parents at night that want to learn.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said we would need to get a permit for organizations that want to come here.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said that we will be getting an in resident artist sent from Councilman Holden prospectively every Saturday, for about an hour and a half of art.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said we could possibly do 2 academic, 1 recreational Saturday academy; and it would then be similar to a Saturday school.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared that A per session might be posted.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said we can do subcommittees that can help the school.

Mr. Revelo said Bryan Rojas, who worked in LIC YMCA might be able to do baseball at our school.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared we can look into community based organizations for more enrichment/ afterschool.

Mrs. Stark suggested childcare and food to increase parent engagement and to get more parents to come to PTA meetings.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked if there is a budget on enrichment? Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared there is. Mrs. Wang-Silonga shared she found a non profit art program that may help improve ELL and reading scores.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey shared that PTA can help fund if with enrichment if they'd like.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey says that maybe a recipe swap could be done at PTA meetings and perhaps there could even be a different guest every month for something different and just a 10 minute meeting to go over the PTA report.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked if PTA meetings could be held outdoors or if there could be a PTA Picnic style meeting instead of the one indoors for parents who might want to come, but who may not want to sit in a formal meeting. Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said it could be.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said that game night will be happening once a month with parents and kids.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessey said that the chairperson(s) will set the agenda for the next meeting; however, everyone is welcome to email the chairperson(s) or secretary to add things to the agenda that they want to discuss.

The meeting was called at 5:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Wang-Silonga.