

SLT- MINUTES MEETING #3
11/14/19

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

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

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy had the SLT members review the previous minutes. Edits were made and Mrs. Wang-Silonga will send be sending Mrs. O' Shaughnessy the updated copy.

Mrs. Sharabi asked if there was a shelter in procedure for things that happen outside the school. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said that everybody is inside the school for shelter in and if the class is already outside, to keep walking.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy asked the PTA committee to share her report. Ms. Drazila said the carnival was a success and lots of families came. Ms. Drazila said she wanted to thank all the parent and teacher volunteers.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said it was great to have events to bring the community together.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said she welcomes CBOs and shared that Mr. Goodish could even stretch the after school program by 50 students, however, there would need to be extra staff.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said that getting translators for Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meetings could possibly get more parents to come.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said that the Saturdays program starts at 8:30 am and end at 11:30am for families who want to come and learn English. She says that the Title 3 money is used for the Saturday Program. She says ½ academics and ½ artist can happen on Saturdays, but in house staff is used first, then Mrs. O' Shaughnessy can open it district wide for teachers who may be interested.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that the library has been Mrs. Lowe's passion and project. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that Mrs. Lowe ordered all the books for the school library and parents have been volunteering to help unpack.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that Smallbites is a program that will be happening at our school, where there will be cooking with parents.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said it would be helpful to have a Grant Writing Committee to write teacher development grants and etc.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said we have been getting furniture for the school and library.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that Mrs. Lowe had ordered books that could be tracked to see how many times its been taken out and which books students and families are most interested in. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said schools get \$6,000 per year from the DOE that can be used to replace books.

Information for the OLS will be sent and shared to share more about what goes on in public school libraries.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said meetings will be coming soon about the school playground.

Mrs. Stark said we need to put an SBO (School Based Option) need to be done for the Parent Teacher Conference in May with food. Mrs. Stark shared she would like to do a showcase for the childrens' work and other art activities. She said it will be from May 7- May 19th in the evening from 4:30-7:30pm only with no afternoon hours. Law club and other things could be done, chorus, etc can all be showcased. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said we can possibly make it into a community open house.

Mrs. Stark said there will be no school on December 10th for Prek only, as there will be a staff meeting.

Mr. Goodish asked when is the next parent teacher conference. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said it will be in March. Mrs. Stark said it will be on March 3rd.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that the CEC meeting will be at our school this month.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that the word of the week has been happening and this week it was the word "analyzed".

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said it would be good to have an Experiences Committee/ Community Committee who could come up with places to take kids in or bring them out to new places, partnerships, school trips and etc.

Mrs. Enriquez suggested something where we can teach parents how to teach kids how to do homework, etc. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy shared that they can possibly be done during when parents come in for Parent Engagement on Tuesdays.

Mrs. Stark asked if we are doing anything about families without turkeys at school.

Mr. Goodish said Greater Ridgewood can give out Thanksgiving Dinners to families that may not have it.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy distributed a handout to all SLT members to share ideas on the Mission Statement for SLT. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy collected the handouts upon completion.

Mr. Goodish said he would expand afterschool to 50 children by January and that funding and staffing would be what is holding it back.

Ms. Drazila said next year there may be a shop set up to fundraise PS88Q merchandise possibly by next years PTA President, as the term is 2 years for PTA President.

Mrs. Stark said the bylaws could possibly be changed to extend 2 years term for PTA President.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy asked if there were any events coming up for the PTA. Ms. Drazila shared there will be Picture Day Retake, but nothing else for November and hopefully something in December.

Mrs. Enriquez said she would be interested in a committee to do workshops for parents.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said a New Comers Committee might be helpful to new families that come to PS88.

Mrs. Stark suggested for Mrs. Enriquez to work with Ms. Ramos. Ms. Drazila said she speaks two languages and can help translate. Mrs. Wang-Silonga says she speaks Chinese and can also help translate.

Mrs. Wang-Silonga asked about the email invitation Ms. Ramos and Mrs. O' Shaughnessy sent out about joining PS88's Kindergarten and first grade group and couldn't open. Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said they are still working on getting all the emails.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said we can do the Committee and Mrs. Enriquez can draft a letter for her to approve to send out a survey to parents. It can be posted on the school backpack and posted through a link on our school website.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said there was a posting that went up for Kindergarten afterschool support.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said she also just posted the Chorus position for the younger students.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said she submitted a top 5 of what our school needs and shared that she put the school camera as one of the top 5.

Mrs. Stark said one year there were parents that were in school doing aerobics with other families.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said parents seem to be interested in workshops to learn English.

Mrs. O' Shaughnessy said we need to make our community and all cultures feel welcome and that events are one way that can bring families in to find out what families are interested in.

The meeting was called at 5:48pm. .

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Wang-Silonga

