

PS 176 The Ovington School
School Leadership Team Meeting
January 3rd, 2025

Attendees:

Elizabeth Culkin (Principal), Chrissy Giannopoulos (UFT Chapter Leader), Suzanne Kelly (Teacher), Michelle Moran (Teacher), Marylou Sorenson (Teacher), Medina Davlatshoeva (Parent), Angelica Bove (Parent), Andreas Juarez (Parent), Qin Zhu (Parent Coordinator)

Call to order: 8:24am

Student Council Updates

- 5th grade teacher (Kelly Reynolds), to pick up while Norah Spears is on maternity leave

Respect for All Week

- February 10th-14th
- Dress up schedule: Grade leaders to meet and pick themes for each day of week
- "Sprinkle Kindness"

Academic Screeners

- Acadience: Middle of the Year ELA Screener Grades K-2: January 21st-31st
- iReady: Middle of the Year ELA Screener Grades 3-5: January 21st-31st
- iReady: Middle of the Year Math Screener Grades K-5: February 3rd-7th

Department of Health

- Vision Screening being completed for Grade K and 1

Class Size Matters

- Reduce class sizes Grades K-3: 20 students
- Reduce class sizes Grades 4-5: 23 students
- PS 176 has done this for 2024-2025 school year

Professional Learning

- Cassie Bates: Wilson Foundations January 7th
- Jeremy Spielman: Paideia Socratic Seminars January 14th
- HMH Into Reading: Anthony Francesco

Keeping Students Involved and Accountable

- Student Council to help set up opportunities

- Students voices to be heard
- Creating opportunities and projects for students
- Podcasts and Otter Broadcasting
- Global Platforms
- Green Guardians: picking up trash and recycling/ keeping school clean
- Thanksgiving Grams
- Make a Wish Tree (5th grade)
- Holiday Recipes
- Collecting for Charities
- Cards for Norwegian Home (Kindergarten)
- Student Led Read Alouds
- Beach Party: tentative date January 17th

Title 1

- Monthly meetings being completed
- Documents (attendance, agendas, minutes) are being uploaded into iPortal
- Attendance has been low: trying to create opportunities to make meetings more engaging
- Thoughts: combining meetings with a workshop (home safety, NYPD, FDNY, CPR)
- Zoom: has a feature for “live” translation captions to provide real-time interpretations during meetings

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43AM