



**THE JESSE OWENS SCHOOL ~ P.S. 26**  
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**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) MINUTES**

October 8, 2024

<b><u>TOPIC</u></b> School Leadership Team	<b><u>ROLES</u></b> Chairperson: Simon Moss Note taker: Kristine Kirton Time Keeper: Sam Posner
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETING OBJECTIVES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Last meeting minutes</li><li>2. Updates</li><li>3. UFT Update</li><li>4. PTA Update</li><li>5. Principal's Update</li><li>6. Goals for the year</li><li>7. Afro-Latin Jazz - external presentation</li></ol>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The monthly meeting of the School Leadership Team at P.S. 26 was called to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 3:08pm.</li></ul> <p><b>Present</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 13 participants were in attendance:</li></ul>	

Diana Collazo-Funtleyder (Principal)  
Simon Moss (Chairperson)  
Brenda Leonard-Burton (UFT Chapter Leader)  
Jacqueline McCurdy-Boyce (UFT)  
Maria Labruzzo (Parent/Guardian)  
Doris Jean (Parent/Guardian)  
Candance Belle (CEC representative)

Jessica Jones (Parent Coordinator)  
Sam Posner (PTA President)  
Kristine Kirton (UFT)  
Lisa Donlan (Community School Director)  
Shahla Jabeen (Parent/Guardian)  
Maxx Luddy (Literacy/Reading coach)

### **Reading and Approval of the SLT minutes on September 17, 2024.**

- The minutes from the previous meeting on September 17, 2024 were approved.

### **Committee Reports**

- Community Education Council (CEC 16) member, Candace Lamazon-Belle introduced herself. She will serve as P.S. 26's liaison to the Council.

### **UFT**

- The SLT is in need of a UFT representative to join the School Leadership Team.
- School trips are underway for multiple grades in the school.

### **PTA**

Mr. Posner reported the following:

- Stephanie Sandeus was elected as the recording secretary of the PTA. She is a new 3rd grade parent and a CEC member.
- \$3500.00 will be allocated for school trips. All teachers and staff members were informed. Cluster teachers are able to partake as well. Staff members can complete a Google form if they would like to use the funding for a trip.
- Movie night took place outside in the courtyard with 50 people. Camp chairs/snacks were available. Popcorn was also provided by Ms. Boyce. PTA would like to do this again during spring.
- The Halloween Extravaganza will take place on October 31, 2024 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm in the gymnasium. After school will be in place with an early pickup option. Ms. Jones conversed with the secretary of Madiba Prep, and using the gymnasium during those hours shouldn't be a problem. Ms. Mavrovouniotis will create a Google survey to see if any staff members would like to volunteer for the event.
- DYCD funding: Simon Moss, Sam Posner, Ms. Lisa, and Doris Jean prepped questions for the annual district 16 chancellor's town hall meeting. However, the meeting was canceled. A meeting with the CEC president, NeQuan C. McLean, will take place on October 10, 2024 to continue the conversation.
- Paint and Create with Mrs. Kinkel will take place on October 19, 2024 from 10:00am - 12:30pm.
- Holiday Picture Day will take place on October 29, 2024.

- P.S. 26 has 3D printers, and are looking for individuals who are proficient with operating 3D printers or who are interested in training.
- New Victory Theater partnership
- The use of Jesse Owens Park, which may still be jointly operated.
- Including Spanish language families: Posner stated that he met with a group of staff and parents to brainstorm ideas. The next steps are:
  - Switch the monthly meetings to take place on Google Meet in order to utilize the caption translation that many families are familiar with.
  - Invite all spanish speaking families to a listening session hybrid meeting held at the school to share ideas/thoughts. This meeting will take place in Spanish.
  - Ms. Torres will set up a comment/drop box in the school office for families to submit questions/suggestions.
  - The PTA will set up a Spanish language WhatsApp group or WhatsApp community. Arturo, Nico/Camillo's dad, has volunteered to help moderate the group, and communicate any pertinent information.

### **Discussion of Unfinished Business Agenda Items**

- Staffing Update: Currently, the school does not have a teacher candidate for the 5th grade special education position. All available lists have been exhausted. There is a shortage in this specific license area.
- Small progress was made with the testing grades. More support is needed. Mrs. Burton is the new math coach, and Maxx Luddy is the new ELA literacy coach.
- Beginning of year math screeners: 184 out of 189 students were tested. Seven percent of students are at or above grade level. 48% of students are close to one grade below grade level.
- Students are working on their math goals.
- English Language Arts (ELA) takes place during 1st and 2nd periods. IEP pull outs take place after ELA. Push-ins take place during the ELA block. The reading screeners will be completed next week.

### **Discussion of New Business Agenda Items**

- After school started on October 15, 2024 for 1st-5th grades.
- Brain Power, The Children's Theater, and Learning Gardens will be returning this school year.
- New- Plant program at Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- The American Museum of Natural History launched the Beyond Elementary Explorations in Science (BEES) program, which is “ a new educational pilot that offers a week-long field trip experience for New York City public schools.” The third graders will participate in this experience.
- The 2nd grade students will participate in Swim 4 Life during the spring.
- RISE Early Childhood Afterschool program has started.
- Saturday Academy will start in November, and will begin with Elevate Education. This organization “helps students develop proven and effective study habits.” Elevate Education will offer high impact study skills; teaching students how to study and good

study habits. Topics include time management, home study hacks, note taking, teamwork, ace your exams, conflict and bullying. Parent workshops will assist guardians with ways to support the children at home.

**Attendance**

- Overall attendance for last week was 90%-91%. The goal is 94%. P.S. 26 is working with the district attendance teacher.

**Afro-Latin Jazz - external presentation**

- Jamie Ehrenfeld, Director of Education, and Thalia Bloom, Manager of School Programs, presented **BELONGO**
- Belongō is formally known as The Afro Latin Jazz Alliance.
- Belongō offers individualized instruction, and instruments are selected based on student interest. They meet twice weekly after school for 90 minutes (Approximately 2:45pm-4:15pm). Thirty students total.

**Creation of Agenda for the Next Meeting**

- Jesse Owens Park
- Attendance
- First part of the year assessments

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.**