Ps 176 The Ovington School
School Leadership Team Meeting

November 8th, 2024

SLT Meeting

Attendees:
Elizabeth Culkin (Principal),Chrissy Giannopoulos (UFT Chapter Leader),Greta Bircaj (PTA President),Suzanne Kelly (Teacher),Michelle Moran (Teacher),Marylou Sorenson (Teacher) Jenyfer Castillo (Parent),Andreas Juarez (Parent), Qin Zhu (Parent Coordinator)

Called to order: 8:28am
Special Guest:

- The Student Council president joined. Introduced members of her team and pitched an idea on spreading kindness. Suggested kindness lessons, this would include student council to go to Kindergarten classes and give kindness lessons in the hopes that in the future they will spread kindness.
- Begin a student Newsletter so that students know what is going on in school.
- Proposed a Pumpkin decorating contest for next year pumpkin patch

Title 1:

- October meeting occurred on Oct 29th
- Ammendemet 2 was approved, added to bi-laws and changes have been distributed.
- Title 1 Bi-Laws are in the process of being uploaded on to CEP
- Budget to be uploaded onto icon portal by Dec16th

PTA:

- Pumpkin patch was a success, student enjoyed all activities (Pumpkin pat, parade, monster mash)
- Upcoming picture day November 18th & 19th. Forms to be send out today (10/8).
- Class pictures will also be taken.
- Graduation pictures day: update to come

School updates :

- SLT training Nov 20 virtual 5pm-7pm. Must register.
- Maria S to give a workshop to teacher on implementing NYC Reads.
- Class size matters: Order by the Governor and DOE Chancellor class sizes need to now be K-3 20+2, 4-5 23+2). Governor and chancellor said this was to be implemented by 2028. Schools to start by picking 3 classrooms only but this practice would seem unfair. Ms Culkin with the help of Julius implemented this new mandate to the whole school. Although rooms were given up (ex teacher lounge(now a classroom, PTA room(now library), library(now classroom)) there is positive feedback such as more attention to

students, classrooms with Paras, and gifted and talented classes are better. Funding for this project is set to come next year. New blueprints/ floor plans to be reviewed by Dec.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50AM