

PS 176 The Ovington School
School Leadership Team Meeting

May 16, 2025

Attendees: Elizabeth Culkin(Principal), Chrissy Giannopoulos(UFT Chapter Leader), Kelly Grogan(Assistant Principal), Suzanne Kelly(Assistant Principal IA), MaryLou Sorenson(Teacher), Angelica Bove(Parent), Gerta Bircaj(Parent/PTA President), Jenyfer Castillo(Parent), Michelle Lopez (Parent), Qin Zhu(Parent Coordinator)

Absentees: Michelle Moran(Teacher)

Review of March minutes were approved by MaryLou Sorenson and Suzanne Kelly

Review of April minutes were approved by Gerta Bircaj and Jenyfer Castillo

Call to Order: 8:26am

Review of March Minutes

Review of amended March minutes. No parents went on the building tour on March 7th. Andres spoke to Ms. Culkin and scheduled a tour for Monday, March 10th. At that time Andres, Ms. Bove, and Ms. Castillo attended a tour at 6:30 am.

NYSSESLAT: April 14- May 23(Speaking)

- May 19th - Listening for Kindergarten
- Grades 1-5 Session 1: Listening/Reading/Writing
- May 20th Reading for Kindergarten
- Grades 1-5 Session 2: Listening/Reading/Writing
- May 21st Writing for Kindergarten
- Grades 1-5 Session 3: Listening/Reading/Writing

Ms. Qin (Parent Coordinator) spoke of the art workshops that were offered to grades K&1 from 2:30-4:30pm. On Monday, May 19th grade 2 will have the workshop after school. The

vendor will make up the 1st one that he missed and upper grades will be invited. A date will be released once it is received.

Parent Trips: There are two upcoming parent trips. One is to the Aquarium and the other to Snug Harbor. Both trips will take place in June.

NYC Kids Rise: Free Scholarship Program: This Program is free for K-3 students. Those who are eligible will have to activate their account. Once families are eligible participants will receive a packet from NYC Rise with the details. The community will put money for these children into an account . The money collected in the accounts can be used by the students for college.

I-READY: Students in grades 3-5 are taking their End of the Year I-ready Reading Diagnostic. The dates for reading are 5/12/2025-5/21/2025.

Math will follow on 5/27/25

Grades K-2 are completing Arcadiance

Ms. Culkin: Class Size Matters

Last Year most schools did only 2 classes per school for class size matters. We were the only school in the district that did the entire school. We reorganized all of our classes to meet the mandate. The kids love the smaller classes. 2-3 small groups are done by teachers allowing more one on one time. Our school went up in grades and became a model school because of the smaller class sizes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 am