

School Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 4:00-5:30

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Members in Attendance: E. Hurst, L. Ruiz, J. Echeverri, M. Kotler, L. Mei, C. Skelly, B. Ogbahon, P. Srour, A. Ng, Y. Vazquez, L. Chang

Absent: B. Morales, E. Hernandez

- Call to order
- Reading and approval of last month's minutes (4:00-4:10 pm)
- Discussion of unfinished business items (4:10-4:45)
 - Budget update
 - Anticipating getting back some money (less than \$100,000) in midyear adjustment
 - Music and art after-school programs (15-20 students per group); 2:35-4:35pm
 - Two visual art groups on Wednesdays
 - One music group on Wednesdays and Fridays (2x per week for 1 group)
 - Tentative plan is to offer spots first to students already in CFL -
 - in the past CFL wasn't eligible, so now they get the preference
 - Since it will be such a small group, it seems more manageable to offer it to a smaller group of kids
 - Works well to pull from CFL; easier to manage
 - Maybe add kids on waiting list (if any) for CFL
 - CFL suggested offering to one CFL group (to keep consistency on their end)
 - Beginning late January or early February and running to late May
 - Family leadership funds
 - \$27,000
 - Will go largely to family workshops
 - Sunset Spark will offer workshops beginning in January
 - Developing other workshops on technology access, curriculum, instructional focus
 - Purchasing additional interpretation equipment
 - Not automatic - Our interpreters speak into a microphone that feeds into headsets.
 - Language access vs. language justice - we want to move towards language justice
 - Project Open Arms funds
 - Currently \$74,000 (we get more funds as we get more students) - probably more

- After-school program (one day per week; Thursday) for specific students - homework help (grades 2-5) and play (grades K/1) + SEL/guidance support
 - Thinking about things to buy to help organize (e.g., planners) as well
 - Adult ESL on Saturdays
- Update on outdoor space and construction
 - School yard is now inaccessible
 - Working on getting a permit to close 43rd street between 7th and 8th Ave (need three letters of endorsement from the community)
 - Need volunteers to reach out to community members on 43rd Street
 - Christina will talk to the Church in next few weeks
 - Permit would allow parking, but couldn't move car between certain times like 9/9:30 and 2
 - Need to plan for supervision of kids, and outreach to neighbors on the block
- Results of SEF survey
 - What do you notice?
 - Very different numbers than last year's survey, but response rate appears very different.
 - Surprised at numbers because this year there have only been ~7 bullying incidents reported.
 - What are the implications?
 - There might be a perception of stuff that's not happening or maybe things are happening that aren't being reported.
 - What are some possible next steps or changes to our plan?
 - Discuss PD options for teachers and possible programs for kids
 - Review suggestions proposed by teachers in the survey and see what could be implemented
- Discussion of new business items (4:45-5:20)
 - Upcoming Puppetry in Practice family workshops
 - Monthly, addressing the highlights of the month in three languages
 - Artmaking and puppetry residencies for students K-2
 - All classes in K-1 get residency through Marquis Studios
 - All dual language classes in K-2 get residency (in either English/Spanish or English/Mandarin) through Puppetry in Practice
 - Covid protocols and communication
 - After 12/23, there will be no more letters sent home about positive cases (though schools will still report the cases)
 - Families can get updates through the "Daily Rollup" email (sent to NYCS Accounts each night; summarizes cases reported that day as of 6pm)
 - NYU Health Center
 - Opening postponed until February 6th
 - Consent forms are being sent home

- Creation of agenda for next meeting (5:20-5:30)
 - DESSA data review
 - Communication with families