



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

November 12, 2024

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ROLES</u>
School Leadership Team	Chairperson: Simon Moss Note taker: Kristine Kirton Time Keeper: Sam Posner
MEETING OBJECTIVES: 1. <u>Last meeting minutes</u> 2. Updates a. UFT Update b. PTA Update 3. Principal's Update - Staffing & Budget 4. Use of Jesse Owens Park 5. Accessing Afterschool Funding for Future Years 6. Parent-Teacher Conferences as non-teaching days 7. Progress for the year a. Attendance b. ELA/Math State Exam Scores 8. Any other business	

MINUTES

Call to Order

- The monthly meeting of the School Leadership Team at P.S. 26 was called to order on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 3:15pm.

Present

- 10 participants were in attendance:

Diana Collazo-Funtleyder (Principal)

Jessica Jones (Parent Coordinator)

Simon Moss (Chairperson)

Sam Posner (PTA President)

Brenda Leonard-Burton (UFT Chapter Leader)

Kristine Kirton (UFT)

Jacqueline McCurdy-Boyce (UFT)

Lisa Donlan (Community School Director)

Maria Labruzzo (Parent/Guardian)

Shahla Jabeen (Parent/Guardian)

Reading and Approval of the SLT minutes on October 8, 2024.

- The minutes from the previous meeting on October 8, 2024 were approved.

Committee Reports

UFT

- School-Based Options (SBOs) — “in accordance with Article 8B of the DOE-UFT contract — allow UFT members the opportunity to collaboratively modify contractual articles and/or create positions that the contract does not automatically allow.”
- The UFT staff members voted for a Half Day PD/Non-Instructional Day for Students on Parent Teacher Conference Dates. The SBO was passed to make November 7, 2024 and March 6, 2025 a non-instructional day for students. Virtual parent-teacher conferences will take place, and during the day, educators will partake in 3 hours and 20 minutes of in person professional development.
- A small number of children arrived at school on November 7th and supervision was available.
- Ample notification will be given to parents about the upcoming non-instructional day.
- The SBO will remain in effect for one school year, and must be renewed yearly in order to be continued. Families can vote regarding non-instructional days; however, it is not a necessary component.
- Benefits of using Dial-A-Teacher, which has a parent connection component.

PTA

Mr. Posner reported the following:

- The Halloween Extravaganza took place on October 31, 2024 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm in the gymnasium. Over 100 individuals were in attendance. The event ran smoothly. Wonderful pictures.
- The Multicultural Feast will take place on November 19th at 5:30pm. It will be

combined with the PTA November meeting. It will include decorations, and a pot luck with purchased food.

- The Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place from November 18th-22nd, and will accept non-perishables and cash. Ms. Moore is coordinating teacher-led turkey purchases. Ms. Moore sent an email to teachers about purchasing turkeys. The donations will be distributed to families on Monday, November 25th.
- Scholastic Sale will take place from December 2nd - 6th, in room 108. The set up will take place prior to the Thanksgiving break.
- After School/DYCD funding - Doris Jean and Sam Posner met with NeQuan McLean, Community Education Council District 16 President. They were able to learn some of the history, and McLean is gathering more information. A follow up meeting will be scheduled.
- New York City Marathon -The PTA supported the runners. Michelle Choi was able to get a permit, and a French bakery donated goods.

Discussion of Unfinished Business Agenda Items

- Staffing Update:
There is a vacancy in the 5th grade (special education teacher). A candidate is being vetted. One teacher will be on medical leave until further notice, and a substitute will cover the classes.
- The Jesse Owens Playground:
Simon Moss - The Jesse Owens Playground is jointly operated. The school has the right to use the park without additional permits. The park will not be closed during school hours, but the school has priority.
- Lisa Donlan - The District Manager may be helpful to assist with the park situation.
- Rules on supervision/liability
- The attendance rate is increasing. It hit 91%.

Discussion of New Business Agenda Items

- The PPO visit has been rescheduled.
- The Olympic Year - The goal is set at 10% student progress.
- In reading overall, 45% of students meet or exceed standards. The testing data was 47%.
- Saturday Academy will begin on November 16, 2024 from 9am - 12pm. Elevate Education will be an additional partner. 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. Flyers about the workshops will be given to the family members, and the workshops will take place about once a month.
- The children will engage with Elevate Education for the first 45 minutes of Saturday Academy, then they will have 45 minutes of reading, and 45-50 minutes of math.

Breakfast, snacks, and lunch will be provided.

- Brain Power will continue this school year and build student leadership. The program will start on November 18, 2024.
- The custodians are fixing the decal in the gymnasium to represent the three schools in the building.
- Station teacher started from the beginning of the year.
- The first session of clubs has started. It was successful. New clubs have an impact on student achievement.

Creation of Agenda for the Next Meeting

- Implications of the election - How are families feeling? SEL team coordinator/LERU Multi Service Agency
- Listening Sessions with Spanish speaking families

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.