



School Leadership Team (SLT) Agenda and Minutes

Date: February 24, 2025

Present: Jean Marie McInerney, Natalie Meade, Shari Fields, Marilyn Henry, Emilee Brokman, Kelli Kathman, Osama Sehgal, Armistead Booker, Madeline Kerner

Absent: Lauren Cherney, Molly McIntyre

Topics:

- Approval of [Minutes](#) from January SLT Meeting
 - Kelli Kathman approved
 - Emilee Brokman seconded
- Principal Report
 - Enrollment
 - PS 295 has been allocated 1 kindergarten for next year (requested 2). McInerney appealed it and enrollment is considering the appeal. 210 applicants selected 295 (not all as a first choice) and the determination will partly depend on where 295 is ranked. Decision will be made end of March
 - PS 295 has also requested a PreK ICT. Still waiting for update on this decision
 - Waiting for K and PreK ICT determination to decide what the rest of the grades will look like in terms of organization
 - Last PreK and 3K tours are tomorrow
 - Feedback from parents: biggest parent concern is lack of free after school programming
 - Emilee Brokman, current Kindergarten teacher, has been leading tours with parent coordinator, Evelyn Marrero with positive feedback
 - Fine tuning opportunities: show all the specials classes, older students providing tours/being student ambassadors to talk with parents, showing all grades in case there is interest in an older child wanting to switch schools, administration representation (McInerney or Echeverri try to be available for Q & A before or after tours)
 - Trend from last year to this year: retention and growth
 - [School Accountability Status](#)
 - Letter went to families before break
 - Use multiple measures to define school status (majority of NYC schools are of this status)
 - LSI status (least restrictive support model)
 - School Surveys
 - Families were given surveys before the break
 - Staff surveys will be handed out this week
 - Mid Year Screener Data
 - Most students making significant progress



- Kindergarten and second grade showed biggest gains
 - Grades 3-5 are above the national average score by at least 5 points
 - Feedback to begin thinking of SY 26-27
 - Report Card (traditionally 3 times a year, this year 2 times a year)
 - Not a lot of parent feedback in either direction
 - Considering December as late January felt late but early November feels too early
 - Feedback structures and instructional consistency
 - Parents should raise concerns to Parent Coordinator, Ms. Marrero or Principal McInerney so all parties can be supported towards an outcome that is good for the students and the school
- FTA Report
 - NYC Parks Department did not remove snow around the park on 6th Ave between 18th and 19th Street. Parents encouraged to call 3-1-1 to report
 - Survey for movie night will be sent to teachers this evening
 - Touch a Truck may be delayed a few weeks this year (hold later in the spring)
 - Library reopening update
 - Grants submitted for use next year
 - Volunteers still working to organize books for class visits
 - McInerney does not know the future of the status of library availability in terms of class size reduction law. As of now there are no plans to remove the library.
 - Cristina Terrusa, third grade teacher, reached out to FTA to help support additional classroom equipment via Donors Choose
 - FTA reached out to 3-5 grade families to donate where FTA matched donations up to \$400
 - At the last FTA meeting, there was encouragement around teachers to invite families into classrooms more often than class visit days to build stronger relationships and encourage parent engagement
- Creation of Agenda for the Next Meeting (March 10)
 - Website accessibility
 - Report Card Timeline
 - After School programs
 - Need certain amount of students for an after school program to be cost effective