

SLT December Minutes

Friday, December 18, 2020 via Zoom @ 7:30am

Attendance:

Voting Members:

Mandana Beckman (Principal)
Corey Luce (UFT Rep/Teacher)
Ursula Fokine (Instructional Coach)
Karen Weingarten (Parent)
Gavin Healy (Parent)
Amarendra Vajjhala (Parent)
Shira Rubenstein (Teacher-Chairperson)
Jodi Shuster (Teacher-Secretary)

Non-Voting Members:

Jennifer Allen (Assistant Principal)
Sloane Wolinsky (Teacher)
Olga Seliger (217 Business Manager)
Angela Fekete (Parent)
Oliver Christ (Parent)
Kimberly Brownell (Parent)
Siosuia Utoikamanu (Parent)

- 1. Review and change dates of meetings - 1st Friday except for June so that meetings are prior to PTA meetings**
 - a. Reviewed dates on calendar and looking to change the dates to the first Friday of every month, this way it can be before PTA meetings
 - b. Jodi will include new dates with minutes
 - c. Next meeting will be January 8th
 - d. We will keep the date of June 11th so that we can look at the CEP goals and have to wait on DOE for that

- 2. Report Cards/Grading - Elementary and Middle School**
 - a. Spoke with teachers and District 2
 - b. NL, MT or N,NX (Middle school)
 - c. Not enough Information code (N) would be seldomly used

- d. In Middle School, as per the DOE, students will still receive a numerical grade (65-99) for marking periods in academic courses and NX (below 65).
- e. In K to 5 students will receive an MT for Meets Criteria or an N for Needs Improvement. There is also a code that indicates not enough evidence for a grade at this time and a recent admit to the school (NX for Middle School and NL in Elementary). As per the DOE, there are no failing grades.
- f. We want to be consistent with DOE
- g. A lot of variables in place, going with MT helps us to be consistent
- h. This information will be put out to families
- i. No info yet on MS and HS process for 4th grade and 7th grade families, this is why District 2 has chosen to align this way
- j. We are not looking at grade level standards this year, we are looking at individual kids and help them to make progress as individual students

3. Remote learning and student use of cameras

- a. Conversation amongst district 2 principals, challenge of having kids turn their cameras on.
- b. When cameras are not on, they have the challenge of not knowing if a child is there or not
- c. The DOE has a stance where they can not require a child to put their camera on, but we are trying to emphasize and message the encouragement to have cameras on. This is a form of assessment
- d. For example: 8th graders do turn their cameras on, but 6th graders do not. This year it is our normal to have to be on the screen and so we want to try to make it so that children feel comfortable putting their cameras on
- e. If other students see peers without cameras on, they follow suit and it is a trickle down effect
- f. ***Conversation is ongoing, Administration will have meetings with grade teams 1/2 for feedback. Discussion to continue with SLT***

4. Enrichment

- a. Looking for vendors and programs, in the past we have used Salvadori Program (used to be in middle school), and arts like dance, drama
- b. Considering moving Salvadori to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade (bridges program). Very hands on and students would have all of the materials needed.
- c. Lower Grades: movement and dance
- d. Everything will be done remotely, there is not way to teach this traditionally, try to do this around curriculum
- e. Looking to use National Dance Institute and Main Street Theater

- f. Looking to start this in January/February
- g. Hopefully to do the movement programs in winter

5. New Business

- a. ***Sharing of SLT minutes via the PTA website: Minutes will be shared with SLT following the monthly meeting, then minutes will be emailed by Jodi to a representative of PTA to post to the PTA website prior to the monthly PTA Wed. meeting***
- b. ***Inviting Middle School students to the SLT meeting to have a MS voice. (discussion ongoing)***

Next Meeting: January 8, 2021

