

SLT January Minutes

Friday, January 8, 2020 via Zoom @ 7:30am

Attendance:

Voting Members:

Mandana Beckman (Principal)
Corey Luce (UFT Rep/Teacher)
Ursula Fokine (Instructional Coach)
Andrea Davey-Gislason (PTA President)
Chenda Bao (Parent)
Karen Weingarten (Parent)
Gavin Healy (Parent)
Shira Rubenstein (Teacher-Chairperson)
Jodi Shuster (Teacher-Secretary)

Non-Voting Members:

Jennifer Allen (Assistant Principal)
Sloane Wolinsky (Teacher)
Olga Seliger (217 Business Manager)
Kim Eldridge (MS Guidance Counselor)
Tracey DeBenedictis (Parent)
Angela Fekete (Parent)
Sameera Kalra (Parent)
Sam Lee (Parent)

- SLT Minutes- shared on PTA site
 - Minutes will be posted on the PTA site the day before PTA monthly meeting
 - Jodi and Mandana emailed with PTA president about plan of how to post onto the website
- Remote learning and student use of cameras
 - Admin met with all staff members to check in on this
 - Remote teachers feel that when cameras are not on it is challenging to know what the kids are doing
 - It was felt that kids feel that it is an expectation

- Teachers feel that having cameras on makes a sense of community, and worry about what will happen if the camera is not on down the road
 - Parents have reached out and some feel strongly it should be on, some feel strongly that it shouldn't
 - We do have an issue that cameras have cameras off and meet is over, and kid is still signed on meaning that they were not there the whole time
 - Teachers will reach out to families that are a concern
 - Not going to make it a requirement at this time to have cameras on, teachers will reach out to parents if cameras off is a concern
- Inviting Middle School student to SLT
 - Gavin spoke to a MS parent and a teacher at another school
 - Having a MS student there can increase engagement
 - Positive way to get MS students involved
 - We could reach out to MS Guidance Counselor and parents
 - Select 2 students who can discuss issues that are pertinent to MS
 - Many of our MS students wake up and then get onto their meets. We do not want to force kids to come on, we want to encourage them if they want to
 - MS students are invited to attend the Safety Meeting
 - Having MS Students at the meeting would be a way for them to go back to their community of other MS students and share what is discussed
 - Would the parents that Gavin spoke to want to attend the SLT meeting?
 - MS is equivalent to one grade in our school
 - We can invite groups of people or specific individuals to our meeting, we can not dedicate a seat for a MS parent on SLT because members who vote must come every month, it is a state mandated requirement.
 - Ms. Eldridge will follow up with students who may be interested and have a desire to partake in things outside of their workload. Right now it is true that it is hard to get students up before school, but she will reach out to students during advisory
- New Business
 - New year, but a long way to go
 - As we learn about pregnancies and accommodation, there will be a shift in programming.
 - In school is a priority, but the reality is that we have pregnancy that we know of and do not know of.
 - There will be shifts and changes coming

- We are doing our best, but we do have limitations
 - It is a challenge in many schools
 - We have 20 people on medical leave which adds on to the complications in terms of staffing and programming
 - Teachers are excited with new 50% model, planning is hard for teachers
 - The one all remote day has helped with pacing, teachers feel on track and we are all figuring out the pacing
 - We have another long 6 months so we just have to make sure that we are on track
- Staff is about to talk about what happened Wednesday evening in our Capital

Next meeting: February 5, 2021

March 5, 2021

April 9, 2021

May 7, 2021

June 11, 2021