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**School Leadership Team Meeting
October 16, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Vasilios Biniaris, Principal

Elijah Cho, Teacher

Sarah Duer, Teacher

Ali Lisberger, UFT Rep

Alex Lunz, Teacher

Jennifer Choi, Parent

Mara Cusker Gonzalez, Parent

Maria Hantzopoulos, PTA Co President

Monica Mohan, Parent

Elizabeth Yarmy, Parent

Review and Approval of Minutes September 18, 2017.

June 19, 2017 minutes will be printed and approved at next meeting.

New SLT members, Elijah and Sarah, were introduced.

Several meeting dates were revised due to conflicts with CEC schedule.

The revised SLT Meeting Schedule for the 2017-18 School Year is:

11/20/17

12/18/17

1/22/18

2/12/18

3/19/18



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4/16/18

5/7/18

6/4/18

Principal's Report (Bill):

- MS ICT update: Keeping substitute teacher as 6th grade ICT teacher, Ali Lisberger will remain as 7th grade ICT teacher. Bridget Harvey, temporary substitute, will be asked if she can remain permanently as technology teacher for the year or Bill will find another teacher to take over position for the rest of the year.
 - Goal is to put Ali back as technology ES teacher next year. Since the search for MS ICT teacher is taking longer than anticipated, Bill does not want to keep making changes that will disrupt student learning.
 - The search for MS ICT teachers is still on. If Bill finds two before December 31, he may consider moving Ali back to ES this year (but not after that).
 - PTA had budgeted \$5,000.00 for STEM program in the Spring. Maybe they can use that money to help with technology curriculum in ES. PTA Enrichment Committee is looking into about 5 organizations right now. Jennifer will look into a company she is familiar with that has certified computer science teachers go to school to implement STEM programs.
- Students that have an IEP for a 12:1:1 class are being serviced 15 periods a week in a ICT class. There are no 12:1:1 classes.
 - Current issue is space and finances. We only have space that was agreed to in the original "shared space plan", therefore, there is no room for a 12:1:1 class and the budget does not allow for the school to hire more teachers that would be needed.
- Review of School Survey Results: Effective School Leadership category showed poor results. Based on the data, Bill shared what he has implemented to improve these results.
 - Increase in PD for staff members – it is structured and planned up until December. Staff members are expected to turn key to colleagues.



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- Individual student academic progress is being monitored and tracked through item skills analysis by student.
- Increase in classroom visits by Bill or Anna.
- Bill plans to collect and read the weekly/monthly letters teachers send home to parents.
- Skedula is now utilized by all Q300 students, staff and parents.
- Mentoring plan in place for staff members
- School website needs a serious update. Bill is looking at different formats.
- Review of CEP goals. We will revisit this at next meeting. The *Family Ties* goal has already been met. We will rewrite a goal that is a bit more challenging.

Parent Report (Maria):

- 10/24/17 is a special hearing to determine the use of 2 vacant lots in Long Island City. The intention is for NYC to build 2 new Elementary Schools. One School Committee will be presenting at CEC tonight to motion for one Q300 building. If that is approved, is there a possibility of us getting one of the lots in LIC?
- PTA is reaching out to parents who can volunteer their time (morning arrival, lunch, PM dismissal, class rep). All volunteers need to go through a background check, but through 65 Court Street. PTA is waiting for Bill to give us the specifics on this as he is investigating the details.
- Class parents are getting organized and will soon send out class contact sheets.
- Costume Party will be Sunday, October 29, 2017 at ES 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- Gallery Night will be November 10th, hosted by parent Raechel McCarthy at her gallery in Chelsea.
- Read-a-thon raised \$10,000.00. 1st and 6th grade had the highest percentage of students raise money. They will get a pizza party.
- My Little Pony filmraiser collected \$51.00.
- Tea Clothes fundraiser is happening: 15% off items purchased and 15% goes back to Q300.
- Thanksgiving Pie Sale has started. This year there will be home deliveries for a small added fee.
- The PTA is funding more enrichment than ever, with art, dance, music, and video production, 7 TAs at ES, more chrome books will be bought October 25. Printers



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are being brought in for ES teachers.

- \$20,000.00 budgeted for supplies and PD (schools needs, Responsive Classroom K-8, 1-day seminars for new and veteran teachers or various organizations can come to Q300 and develop program for the school).
- PTA is supporting MS teacher electives. Reaching out to teachers in MS to see if they would like to host one of the Arts Residency Programs. PTA has the money if teacher wants to sponsor.
- Possibly planning a joint event with PS 17.
- Q300 has been chosen to model best practices (restorative circles, conflict resolution...) at a CEC meeting.
- Parents have had some questions regarding Asphalt Green. Bill will address concerns at next PTA meeting.

UFT Report:

- Next meeting Ali would like to discuss how to address common planning time.

Other Business:

- Next meeting the SLT will continue discussion of the Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) goals.

Remuneration logs completed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.