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**School Leadership Team Meeting
January 22, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

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

Members Present:

Vasilios Biniaris, Principal
Sarah Duer, Teacher
Elijah Cho, Teacher
Ali Lisberger, UFT Rep
Alex Lunz, Teacher
Ellie Rabinovich, PTA E-Board Rep.
Jennifer Choi, Parent
Monica Mohan, Parent
Elizabeth Yarmy, Parent

Members Absent:

Mara Cusker Gonzalez, Parent
Maria Hantzopoulos, PTA Co President

Review and approval of minutes from December 18, 2017.

Principal's Report:

- MS ICT vacancy has been filled by a teaching fellow who will start this week.
 - General Education teachers at MS will start to receive various Special Education PD (SEISS, PBIS, PLOP and Student behavior management are some areas of focus for PD)
- Paul will go to ES to teach Spanish.
- Engineering For Kids will be coming into ES to supplement technology for the rest of the year.
- *Parent Concern:* Are content teachers in MS able to fulfill Special Education student's needs? Are they happy? Are MS students assessed to see if they are behind in curriculum?



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- *Bill*: Conversations with administration and teachers are continually taking place. At-risk students are continually being identified and discussed at PPT. Bill also speaks regularly to teachers to make sure they feel supported. Teachers take on the role of team players. Many give up lunch periods to work with their students.
- *Suggestion to reward teachers...* positive letter from Administration to put in teacher's file.
- MS Art teacher is going on Maternity leave earlier than expected. Bill had requested an ATR specialist to take over, however, there are none available.
- College Awareness Week took place in the beginning of January. Staff members engaged students in conversations related to College. A panel of current college students spoke to at the MS.
- Announcements:
 - Mr. Cho's debate team went from novice to varsity and took first place.
 - Chess Team has been organized by Eileen Yim and Mark Schroffner. They meet with students on weekends to play as well as compete with students from other schools.
 - MS Robotics tournament was last week.
 - MS Hackathon with Scott will be starting next week.
- Trips: K- Transit Museum, Grades 1 & 6 – Hall of Science, Grade 3 – Math Museum, Grade 4 – Modern Pinball, Grade 7 – NY Historical Society
- 2nd cycle of electives begins 2/7/18
- After school NYS ELA/Math test prep will take place at both the ES and MS
- Erika will be conducting a Social Emotional workshop at next PTA meeting.
- **CEP**: Bill provided members with an outline of the goals and action plan. SLT members need to review goal and discuss if we have met the benchmark. Members worked in groups to revise action plans for this year's plan and prepare for refining the existing goals for next year's plan.
 - **Collaborative Teaching:** Scheduling at the ES makes it difficult to meet goal. Teachers are pushing into the PE classes and other spots in the program that need to be covered ie. Enrichment classes taught by non DOE personnel require a DOE staff member in the room. *Suggestion* – Can the classroom teacher be freed and a school aide be put in the room



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with enrichment teacher?

- **Strong Family Ties:** Can we revise the goal? Action Plan does not allow for us to meet the benchmark.
- **Rigorous Instruction:** Multiple Entry points will be put on hold and focus will remain on differentiation. Clear lesson objective. More model teachers and more peer intervisitation.
- **Supportive Environment:** Summer PD offered. Alex is creating a PD calendar for staff.

Parent Report:

- December Direct Appeal brought in \$67,000.00. As of now, the PTA has raised \$155,00.00. Target is \$193,000.00.
- Winter enrichment programs have ended, and a new cycle has begun.
- Bierocracy parent event was a success. Total profit has yet to be calculated.
- 1/26/18 is annual Potluck Winterfest:
 - Raffle
 - Launch of summer camp auction
- Square 1 Arts Fundraiser is ending this week.
- Movie Night raised \$300.00.
- Preparations for Spring auction are under way.
- 3/9/18 Zumbathon
- PTA will be updating brochures for Spring Open House.

UFT Report

Other Business: Jennifer Choi presented the ASD Nest Program. There is a need for this program in District 30. Would our school be a good fit for this type of program? Detailed information was given out to SLT members (budget, resources, method, benefits, requirements).

Remuneration logs will be completed at next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next meeting: February 12, 2018