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**Vasilios Biniaris, Principal**

**School Leadership Team Meeting  
February 12, 2018  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Vasilios Biniaris, Principal

Sarah Duer, Teacher

Elijah Cho, Teacher

Alex Lunz, Teacher

Jennifer Choi, Parent

Mara Cusker Gonzalez, Parent

Maria Hantzopoulos, PTA Co President

Monica Mohan, Parent

Elizabeth Yarmy, Parent

Anna Milonakis, Assistant Principal, Observer

**Members Absent:**

Ali Lisberger, UFT Rep

**Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM**

**Review and approval of minutes from January 22, 2018.**

**C-30 Update:** Anna Milonakis has been appointed as the Assistant Principal for Q300.

**Principal's Report:**

- Respect For All Week is happening right now. Students participated in multiple activities about respecting themselves and others. Q300 has adopted the Acronym ASPIRE:
  - **A**ccountability **S**afety **P**articipation **I**nclusion **R**esponsibility  
**E**mpathy
- After School Test Prep (ELA & Math) will happen in the Elementary School (ES) and Middle School (MS). At the ES there will be 50 students per grade attending. MS will only have ELA test prep and 25 students will participate.



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- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school was celebrated with various activities in the classrooms.
- The MS debate team competed last weekend. 12 debaters earned a spot for State Championships. Students that did not qualify will have another opportunity to qualify at the City Competition. Thank you, Elijah Cho, for all your hard work.
- MS graduation will take place at Long Island City HS from 12:00 pm – 3:00 PM on June 20, 2018..
- K & 4<sup>th</sup> grade will have a stepping up ceremony.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Senior Trip is scheduled for May 10.
- A 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip has yet TBD.
- Tomorrow Bill will have his second meeting with Student Government. Bill would like them to spearhead a protocol for creating a school mascot and would like as many students as possible to share in the decision making.

**Parent Report:**

- January Direct Appeal brought in \$14,000.00. To date this school year, the PTA has raised \$172,00.00.
- Winter Auction has received many donations for summer camps. The online auction will end March 1.
- Planning for Spring Auction is under way. This year's event will most likely be held at Bohemian Hall in Astoria
- The International Potluck dinner was held on January 26, 2018, and it was a huge success. \$1,000.00 was raised.
- Received \$2,000.00 back from Stomping Ground School Pictures.
- Square 1 Arts Fundraiser has ended.
- Filmraiser will be happening again for *The Early Man*.
- International Film Festival tickets are on sale. \$3.00 of each ticket purchased will go back to Q300.
- 3/9/18 Zumbathon will be next fundraiser. We will share event and profits with PS 17.
- 3/23/18 Family Fun Night. Alvin and Ailey Dance company will be giving lessons to parents, teachers and children. PTA will hold a meeting before the event.
- PTA will be offering to send Q300 teachers to Summer PDs if they would like to



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attend.

- PTA has ordered 8 more printers (4 @ ES & 4 @ MS). Two air conditioners will be ordered for classrooms that are without.
- Q300 students participated in a chess tournament this week.
- *Parent Concerns:*
  - There have been many complaints from students at both ES & MS regarding bathrooms. Cleanliness seems to be the main concern.
    - Schools Aides are checking the bathrooms several times throughout the day. TAs are supervising younger children.
    - Can we install air dryer in bathrooms? Bill will speak to custodian.
  - Technology is only occurring at ES once a week. What do the children do during the other scheduled Technology periods?
    - Erika in going into classrooms and working with students on Social Emotional Learning (CharacterEd).
- One School Committee Update: Lynn, Margarita and Monica attended CEC meeting with elected officials to show Q300s dedication to getting a school building for all grades in Q300. Monica spoke to School Construction Authority regarding two possible empty lots where new school buildings could be built. The reality is that Q300 will not have a single building for at least several years.

### **Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP):**

- Teams working on revised action plans for this year's goals. To send to Bill to submit.
- ***Collaborative Teaching:*** Team worked on problem solving planning issue.
  - Elijah suggested teachers have monthly collaboration (4 hours once a month). If budget allows for this, planning will be implemented from now until June to meet 2017-2018 goal.



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- ***Strong Family Ties:*** First priority is to update/redo website. Streaming webinars and/or PTA meetings is ultimate goal. Bill and another parent Matt Schaefer are currently working on website. The plan is for it to be up and running by the end of year. They are looking into possibly hiring an outside organization.
- ***Supportive Environment:*** Have Social Emotional Learning map available on website. Responsive classroom surveys.

**UFT Report:** Nothing new to report.

Remuneration logs will be completed at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next meeting: March 19, 2018.