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School Leadership Team Agenda

January 5, 2021

Meeting called to order:03:35

Attendees: Erica Paley, Fred Wright, Barbara Malik, Jessica Lopez, Theo Kaides, Natalie Bausone, Jennifer Maier, Sheilah Papa, Nicole Paepke, Anita Fonteboa, Maria Torres, Rosanna Schweiger, Aana Aman.

1. Group Roles:
 - a. Facilitator: Erica
 - b. Chairperson: Barbara
 - c. Secretary: Heather
 - d. Time Keeper: Rosanna
 - e. Financial Liaison: Theo
2. Approve Minutes Maier motion to approve , Wright seconds.
3. SEL Check In & Celebrations
 - a. Happy New Year.
 - b. Staying Healthy
 - c. Days are getting longer.
 - d. Happy to get back to work
4. COVID Update:
 - a. Continuing to have low incidents of cases.
 - b. Isolation room PPE back-up and they made grab and go packets to grab PPE to enter the isolation room.
 - c. Bob to get more masks, lots of kid sized masks, have everything else.
 - d. All communications are sent out to parents and families as needed.
 - e. Have a couple of families quarantining.
 - f. Question about the new strain coming
 - g. No word on Middle and High school return, nothing has been said at all.
 - h. DeBlasio and Carranza want kids in school, the state and city rates are not calculated the same. Governor has final say in schools' closure.
 - i. Quarantine is 10 days now.
 - j. Testing this week.
5. Parent Chat Topics Recap (Maria Torres) Dec 21st.
 - a. First parent chat took place Mandarin and Spanish.
 - b. Maria will dictate the notes and provide to SLT.
 - c. Discussed chronic absences and how to support students.
 - d. Ideas that came up. Celebrating the students individually when they have achievements. Navigating systems and technology. Trouble shooting tech.
 - e. Joanna translated.
 - f. Next one: every third Wednesday. Next topic Social Emotional Learning.
 - g. Will send out a survey to parents to see what other topics parents may like.
 - h. Suggest to parents the utilize office hours. Maybe offer tech support for grade bands during office hour times that's organized.
 - i. Would like to do evening for several groups of parents.
 - j. There is a tech session in the works for parents this month.

6. CEP Feedback

- a. No feedback yet.
- b. Mr. Wright stated that he saw that the ESL side was good.
- c. The dates were all changed and there hasn't been any feedback.
- d. The SI is doing classroom visits at this time and they are making sure we are prepared for full closure if it has to happen. The CEP feedback teams are occupied with other priorities.
- e. CEPS that need lots of work and feedback are looked at first. Schools that have a good history are placed lower on priority.
- f. Initial approval hasn't been given and we are now at mid-year assessment.
- g. Paley has been stalling as much as she can as it is difficult for people and fidelity can be questioned when students are not taking it in person.

7. Middle School Update

- a. No updates at this time in regard to students returning.
- b. Specialized high school test is to be given in their home schools. No real plan as to how this will happen at this time for our school though we can accommodate, there are schools that only have middle and HS open.
- c. Students still have to apply to take the test.
- d. Mr. Wright anticipates that this may be changing and will probably change the discussion around school opening for middle schools. If kids can take a three- hour test, why can't they attend in person school.
- e. Parents are already upset by policies being suggested that will weight priority for equity gaps.
- f. Info will be coming in about High School Open Houses. This will be interesting and possibly controversial due to no testing ELA and MATH and inconsistent grading policies across districts.
- g. NEST and Horizon host open houses for potential 6th graders. Had an online open house in September. Horizon open house is today at 5:30 for middle school. All 5th grade Horizon in Queens is invited.
- h. The plan was for middle to return in person, changed get made to the schedules when teachers get exemptions to work from home. Due to this, changes have to take place for middle school. They were able to have a special ed teacher in an ICT class in a new position. Start the changes while kids are remote and then it will be easier to ease in when students return in person.
- i. Are trying to clean up the schedule for teachers. Framing it for kids that schedules change in the middle of the year anyway so prepping for what high school will be like. Dedicated teacher for at home and one for in school.

8. Parent Association Update:

- a. Paint night January. Toward the end of the month Jan 28th. Two groups older and younger. Would like to order craft buckets for workshops.
- b. Parents would have to pick up.
- c. Older kids maybe: paint along. Spoke to Ms. Craig or Mr. Wright.
- d. Maybe Title 1 funds can help for parent engagement. Natalie and Aana to check in off line.
- e. Craft for younger kids, board games, movement, improv, puppets, etc. V-Day craft.
- f. Provide options for families.
- g. Mr. Wright would like to do a Valentine's Dance (Feb 5th?)
- h. Feb 12th is Lunar New Year.
- i. Student of the Month Jan 27th

9. Agenda for Next Meeting:

- a. Repeat this agenda.
- b. CEP Goals/feedback/midyear assessments
- c. Remove Maria Parent Chat and just cover parent workshops.

10. Meeting Adjourned 04:30 [SLT Sign In & Attendance \(google.com\)](#)