**P.S. 176 The Ovington School**

**School Leadership Team Meeting**

**January 8, 2020**

**Agenda**

**Attendees:** Elizabeth Culkin, Chrissy Giannopoulos, Lily Tang, Victor Melendez, Debra Means West, Greta Villacis, Deborah Francisco, Marilyn Murphy, Suzanne Kelly, Marylou Sorenson, Alejandra Mendoza, Aiden Liu (student representative)

**Call to Order**

Minutes of last meeting Accepted Marilyn

Seconded Lily

**CEP**

CEP updates were provided. Updates provided were based on school setting adjustment (remote and in person). Ms. Culkin advised team of newly created learning platform IXL for math. This is a personalized platform that auto adjusts to more accurately meet students at their individualized level of learning. This program was launched with teachers receiving training in November (around Thanksgiving) an is now being rolled out to the students. Updates were provided that the CEP hasn’t been opened yet due to modifications currently in place.

**New Business:**

Student Representative: SLT was introduced to new student representative, 5th grade student Aiden Liu. Aiden shared with SLT what students needs are around different forms of student engagement. He expressed that more students are communicating desire for more physical interactions, possible during lunchtime or when students have scheduled breaks. He expressed an emphasis on making new friends, providing students with the opportunity to have more of their voices around the table to express their concerns e.g. student wants to create a committee to ensure that full voice is being heard across the school. Principle Culkin indicated support for this recommendation - student council.

**C30 Process:** update provided on the C30 process for a new Assistant Principle (AP). The committee meeting for this will take place end of Jan. / start of Feb. Committee is formed by: District members, Principal, PTA President (required role), UFT (required role). Candidates with a strong special education background is a priority for the school. Interim AP is Katia Zarzecki. She is responsible for grades 2nd and 3rd. Ms. Culkin to send out C30 reg later today

**School Vision Exercise:** Every year schools undertake a vision exercise, PS 176 is working on this vision. Where are we right now 01/08/21 – what works well, what needs to be revisited. Comments provided by SLT focused on working above standards, creating more opportunities for school clubs (social activities and engagement such as Chess clubs, coding, keyboarding, dance etc.), student tutoring programs (cross student engagement have other kids join other zooms), free afterschool programming.

**Inside Broadway Announcement:** PS 176 has been accepted to participate in another year of Inside Broadway. The theatre program will commence in the Spring.

**New grading policy** shared and updated to committee

**Title 1 updates** – school lunch form is the determining factor of status. 1% set aside for engagement activities.

**Committee Reports**:

* Attendance: 99.1% attendance reported.
* Nutrition: School offers 9-12 free grab and go meals. N.B. Community Members can also go to IS259 / IS187 for meals.   
  School Budget: in good standing
* Safety Report: daily checks, temp checks, and more PPE ordered for school

**PTA Report**

Parent Engagement: updates provided on the use of Class DOJO and Operoo for updates and on school fundraisers, SLT meeting etc.

5th grade cap and gown discussion. SLT recommended to use budget for caps and journal. PTA to check that vendor is preferred DOE vendor. Graduation dues update provided, and planning for picture day discussed for March 10, 11 and 12. SLT decided before March pic day to wear uniform.

**Other Business**

Deborah provided an update on Homework without Tears workshop, and trauma response workshop

**Meeting adjourned:** 10:00am

Next Meeting: Friday, February 5th

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Means-West, Recording Secretary