

Young Diplomats Magnet Academy

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SLT Minutes January 17, 2023

Meeting called to order at 4:00

Attendance: Dennis, Kain, Villa, Fossati, Nunez, Petracco, Hossain, Cariddi, Ellman, Ellis, Alcantara, Ortega, Cutrone, Wielingen

Guests: Abby Zan (from WXY), Sara Devic (WXY)

Minutes approved.

Agenda for 01/17/23:

-Principal's Report: The school has applied for the IACE Grant which will help pay for materials and supplies. We are looking for a new vendor for Italian materials. The funds will help pay for an Italian website with reading passages and books, (much like Epic). We will also bring back the Italian Fairy around Carnivale. Soccer will start soon for all grades, and chess has started with lower grades.

-WXY Studio (guest presentation): WXY Studio is an architecture and planning studio that is doing work to help District 3 within the NYSIP program. It's a state funded program that supports school districts in pursuing integrated schools and classrooms. They want to engage families to learn more about educational priorities. Displacement has been a factor in Harlem. Student enrollment has dropped by 2% district wide. However in Harlem, enrollment has dropped by 34% overall and with African-American students by 50%. There will be a series of engagement activities over the coming months. SLT will play an important role. Fossati asked about charter school's role in declining enrollment. There has not been a full analysis by WXY on this impact.

Under-enrollment was discussed and how it impacts funds and what we are able to offer students (Ellis). Fossati brought up one positive point, which is that class sizes are smaller than other schools. Ellman brought up how sharing space is difficult with charter schools. We no longer have full access to our building since we share space. We are fortunate to have a good relationship with the charter school, but it does limit

student's access to the entire building. Under-enrollment can impact a school community's morale. Dennis shared that the school used to have 2 classes per grade but we are now at one class per grade which is a loss of 5 classes and as many as 10 teachers. It's been difficult to attract families from the neighborhood but we have families that travel from Queens, Brooklyn, downtown, and farther uptown that go to great lengths to get here. Ellman brought up how good charters are at raising money- they've gotten a head start on public schools having to do that to stay competitive. Charter schools have to follow a different set of rules compared to public schools. Next steps: WXY will be working with the parent coordinator. Link for survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/867RBX7>

-PTA Report: Due to time, the PTA report will be heard at the next meeting. Ellis reported that February 2 to March 2 will be the annual Read-a-thon. Materials will be sent to school and teachers will distribute. There could be a popcorn fundraiser depending on interest. The company being considered will handle shipping to those purchasing which is convenient. It was added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Safety Report: Mandatory lock down drill in February.

Remuneration forms are online in SLT folder

-Next SLT Meeting: February 28, 2023 @ 4:00.

- Agenda:
- Principal and PTA reports
- Committee reports
- Popcorn fundraiser