

SLT MEETING MINUTES
Meeting Date: January 12, 2022

In attendance:

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| 1. Emel Topbas-Mejia | 8. Christina Harvey |
| 2. Chris Jennings | 9. Lia Gautier |
| 3. Marissa Pashley | 10. Gwen Kingsberry |
| 4. Katie O'Connor | 11. Joy Waitkus |
| 5. Conor Doyle | 12. Melissa Velasco |
| 6. Einat Lev | 13. Jen Benion (Guest) |
| 7. Karima Khawja | |

I. Welcome

II. Review and Approval of December 2021 Minutes

Minutes approved in full

III. New Business

a. Update on Covid Protocols

Principal Emel Topbas-Mejia updated on Covid protocols and testing. There have been major shifts with the CDC changes. She presented a flow chart (link) that explains the testing and quarantining procedures.

Staff members can return to school after shortened isolation periods. Students need to isolate for 10 days. Pre-K classrooms will be quarantined.

Staff members are getting tests on a regular basis.

Joy Waitkus asked about access to case numbers and lack of information from the city and DOE. Topbas-Mejia said DOE Covid Map Tracker and Situation Room sites are not working.

Einat Lev asked whether we should tell parents not to send kids to school with any symptoms. Chris Jennings responded that families should know not to send sick children to school.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

The two subcommittees ELA/Math and DEI/SEL/Attendance met in breakout rooms to set schedules

V. Review of Old Business

a. DEI

Gwen Kingsberry said that the DEI team is separate from the CEP goal. This issue keeps being tabled and she would like to know how it should be moved forward and set up. A team was set up in June but not activated.

Chris Jennings said we should use that team and Kingsberry should be the point person. Kingsberry said she would reach out to staff members and the PTO since the point is to work with the school.

Topbas-Mejia said there is a group of staff members working on DEI. Right now they are reading "Cultivating Genius." They will meet every Tuesday. She would also like to have a round table for students in advisory to what they want in terms of DEI.

Kingsberry said DEI team could help facilitate.

Christina Harvey said it would be good to figure out how to bridge the groups (Staff, PTO, SLT and students).

Topbas-Mejia said one of the goals is to increase the number of staff members, there are currently nine, to build a foundation.

Harvey suggested we advocate for students to be Covid tested before returning after the next break.

Jennings responded that it is something that is determined at a higher level.

VI. Plan for Next Meeting

Committee Reports

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 9th at 7AM