

School Leadership Team (SLT) Meeting

May 2, 2023

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendance

Parent Representatives

Joy Waitkus/Co Chair SLT – Elected Parent Rep
Kierstin Hettler – PTO Co President
Hila Milo – PTO Co President
Kelly Ceynowa- Elected Parent Rep
Karima Khawja - Elected Parent Rep
Emily Hardy – Elected Parent Rep

Staff Representatives

Christopher Jennings/Co Chair SLT – UFT Chapter Leader
Emel Topbas-Mejia- Principal
Marissa Pashley – 2nd Grade Teacher
Melissa Velasco- 2nd Grade Special Education Teacher
Sarah Sanders -Art Teacher PS
Samantha Pastore – Health/PE Teacher IS

Review and Approval of March/April 2023 Minutes

- March and April minutes approved

Principals Update

- **Planning for CEP focus of next year, 2023-2024** draft has been made available; Review Changes to be aware of as putting together goals for next year Changes around types of goals for CEP Goals,

- Typically in past include ELA/Math/School Environment goal and additional goals as needed
- 2023-2024, similar goals in iPlan portal ; sharing of screen
 - Areas of difference Sec 5 Need to align goals with these new categories for shaping our CEP goals.
 - Priority 1 : All students learn to read well
 - Priority 2: All students are physically and emotionally safe
 - Priority 3: All students have a high quality academic experience
 - Priority 4: All students graduate college and career ready and have a pathway to economic security
 - Priority 5: Redesign system to be more inclusive and responsive of parents and families
 - Additional: Chronic absenteeism.
 - Our CEP Goals will now be in alignment with citywide priorities.
 - Discussion around clarification of Priority 5 on equity/inclusion
 - Ms. Emel we should keep in mind what data sources we are tapping into for each priority needs.
- Ms. Emel: Planning for next year CEP Goals can include goals that are connected to each other in the priorities
- Work can take place thru subcommittee work (note 23/24 no city Math goal; we can decide if we want to include a new Math goal). We can decide if we want to include Math as a goal in the priorities.
- By June 16th expectations are to have goals drafted in the CEP template.
 - CEP goal is a living document
- **Updates on Curriculum**
 - New district wide transitioning ELA and Math curriculum for ES and IS starting Sept 2024?

- Expeditionary Learning is the new ELA curriculum to start in Sept 23 for K-8.
- Illustrative Mathematics new Math Curriculum; will use upcoming year to learn this new curriculum while continuing to use Envision (currently used) ; will transition in September '24.
- District 6 leadership made decisions in the district on these two new curriculums. Total of 29 schools.
- Discussion of current CEP Goals and tracking and meetings for inputting of new CEP Goals
 - Mid year assessments were done in iReady pending review of growth from first assessment, end of year assessment will be complete by June 7th
 - Target meeting dates June 6th and 14th
- **Subcommittee Reports**
 - **ELA Updates - Kiersten**
 - Book Fair proposed dates May 10th-11th for PreK-6th ; May 18th 7-8th grades
 - Book Drive to help feed into Book Fair for free titles ; partnering with F187 at Spring in the Heights to collect books for fair
 - **DEI Updates - Kelly**
 - Sat May 20th 9a-11a Screenagers date:
 - Next steps to work on phone bank to invite families
 - Kelly to reach out to Nadiene about coordination, volunteers for child care
 - Pending confirmation of NYP Columbia facilitators
 - Screenagers membership is active until January .
 - Girls Inc for returning next year
 - Flying Five exploration for next year
 - **Math Updates - Karima/Joy**
 - Have not met

- Need help in pricing out flash cards
- Shop DOE does not have them on the site
- Look at year end distribution
- Update on 8th grade math teacher hiring and 2nd Regents Math class next year
 - 2nd class depends on # of students that qualify ; process will start soon
 - 8th grade math - currently looking to fill vacancy for Fall
 - JD to be shared, word of mouth on open position
 - Open transfer process with NYC DOE to see open positions.
 - Recruitment at local colleges/Universities
 - TBD who will be teaching 8th grade Regents class
- **Target Funding of Staff to support CEP Goals**
 - Need for reading intervention specialist in ES ; will help support literacy
 - Support from PTO/Friends of 187 to help fund positions, music/art
 - Part time? What does that look like , ie costs
 - Pending 1st round of budgets for FY23/24 to be released to schools.
 - Ms. Emel : Hiring Reading intervention specialist is similar costs to hiring an additional teacher
 - Other option: F Status Position status, retired teacher hired part time; rates vary depending on the person brought in.
 - Substitute teacher to be trained could be another option
 - Co Funding to consider longevity of the commitment from funding sources; consistency is key
 - Hila: PTO alternative could be tutoring after school ; IS students to help ES students
 - Kiersten: Look at CBOs ; IE: CUNY Reading Corp; teacher from Teachers College; Retired Teachers volunteered time pre covid
 - Ms. Emel to connect with CUNY Reading Corp

- June Planning Meeting for June 6th (Pre Planning Meeting) & June 14th confirmed
- Meeting Adjourned 7PM