

## PS/IS 187 School Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

April 9th 2025 - 3:30 - 5:30

### Parent Representatives

1. Salvador Orochena- PTO President
1. Kelly Ceynowa- Elected Parent Rep
2. Jaci Czarnecki Thompson- Elected Parent Rep - Co-Chair
3. Sherry Lewkowicz - Elected Parent Rep
4. Mike Opest - Elected Parent Rep

### Staff Representatives

1. Emel Topbas-Mejia- Principal
2. Jessica Mitchell - 4th Grade General Education Teacher - Co- Chair
3. Marie Marricco - 5th Grade General Education Teacher
4. Liz Seymour - IS Science Teacher

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

#### 2. Review and Approval of March Minutes

- a. Mike Opest motioned to approve. Sal seconded, followed by unanimous approval by the remaining members.

#### 3. Principal's Updates -

a. Partnership with Morningside began with K-2 teachers (currently 2 cohorts). The training focuses on restorative circles and is grounded in storytelling. Their curriculum is based on the 4 R's (Reading, Writing, Respect, Resolution). There are family facing workshops that are a part of the partnership. We will launch the program in September in all K-2 classrooms.

b. School was recognized as Respect for All School in 2025.

c. Class Size Reduction Update - school was approved for 1 full time teacher awarded, we are still waiting to hear back regarding space & furniture funding.

#### **4. Review of CEP Goal Progress**

a. Unable to update, iPlan Portal was down for maintenance.

#### **5. Learning Survey Next Steps & Family Engagement**

a. Team agrees that there should be a centralized space for communication with families.

b. Team found that there was some confusion between the DOE Learning Environment Survey and the school created survey. The result/findings should be shared with families (potentially in a newsletter)

c. Exploring working with organizations to improve and address school needs (ex: Morningside)

d. Team/School should promote the work we are doing to increase (ie: Screenagers event, Restorative Justice, Morningside & school assemblies, peer mentors)

e. Looking into a free Learning Environment Survey organization - PBIS

f. Team members working on finding a centralized location/mode of communication with families.

#### **6. Family Testing Information Session**

a. Team prepared for the meeting for families and set up in the auditorium.

#### **7. Planning for Next Meeting - May 14th, 2025**

a. Progress Monitor for CEP goals

b. Review CEP Goal progress

c. Potential visit from Senator Jackson & City Council Member Carmen DeLaRosa

