

Attendees:

Tara Davidson- Principal Jessica Santana- Parent-absent Cindy King- Supervisory School Aide/Chairperson Donna Kaufman- UFT Chapter Leader/Treasurer	Jill Kirschenbaum- Teacher/Secretary Andrea Bruno-Teacher Sarah Liblich-Teacher Joanna Carlo- PTA President Belinda Vasquez- Parent Lina Romero- Parent Dawn Acevedo- Parent
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UFT Reports:

- Governor Cuomo is attacking teachers in the media. His State of the State address is coming out Wednesday at 1:30 pm. He wants to go after new teachers to make tenure renewable and tenure will go from 3 to 5 years. He also wants to go after the more senior teachers. It is important for teachers to go onto their social media, such as Twitter and Facebook to follow and tweet out. Teachers should let the Governor know we need more money to have smaller classes etc. Teachers should also invite him into our classrooms using specific hashtags such as #invitecuomo and #allkindsneed. He will put tax breaks into the budget, along with policy that affect our public schools, to make it harder to pass on.

DC 37 Report

- Parents need to make sure they send their children to school wearing jackets, because we have been going outside for lunch almost every day.
- Children should not be dropped off earlier than the arrival time due to limited supervision.

PTA Report

- The bake sale will be done on Thursday.
- Winter ball on January 30th from 6:30-9:30 PM. The theme is princes and princesses. There will be games and a DJ.
- February 13: Valentine's Day sale
- February 25- PTA meeting
- February 24-26-: Bake Sale

Principal Report

- Saturday Academy: 8 Saturdays, most 3-5th grade students received a letter to participate
- February 12: Chancellor visit

- February 9: Respect for all week
- February 11: Cultural Cuisine Night
- We did not meet the criteria to apply for the Respect for All based on the parent survey so we are appealing to the Superintendent to still apply.
- Reso A & Other Grant Opportunities and Awards: We are investigating if this money can fund a security camera. This money was donated by Councilman Rory Lancman.
- SCA and CEC project: Expand the kitchen and cafeteria and additional technology upgrades.
- Now is the time to request capital funding for next year. Some are due in February and April.
- We need to start thinking about school policies for next year that support our mission and vision. Adding a language program could help make us more global thinkers. We can also add residencies to meet this goal.
- We are looking into adding a parent English program on Saturday when the students are in Saturday Academy. Ms. Oregel is looking into this.
- Warm up to reading night was a success. We received good feedback from parents and had over 100 parents despite the cold weather.
- Career Day is May 8th. Please help us find guest speakers!

2013-2014 Vision and Goals

- Progress Monitoring/CEP Updates:
 - Rigorous Instruction: Reading levels have increased from Oct. to Dec. across all grades as well as when comparing this time of year to 2014 data. Teacher leaders have analyzed data and broken it down to ESL and SPED subgroups to be shared with all staff.
 - Supportive Environment: Student council is working on a list of exceptional criteria to relay to student body hopefully during Respect for All week.
 - Collaborative Teachers: Teachers have made a lot of progress in the 4 domains of Danielson's Rubric. Teacher Leaders came up with a list teachers can use when planning for assessment to improve ratings.
 - Strong Family-Community Ties: When planning events, we are working on strategies to increase parent participation, especially for ESL and SPED parents. One suggestion was to use the wording "You are invited" so parents know they are invited to a school event.
 - Ms. Mameli is going to offer workshops for parents who have children for special needs. The first workshop will be offered on January 27th.
 - ESL Teachers planned a workshop to support parents in understanding the NYSESLAT. This will be offered on February 24th.
- Next Steps—Official progress monitoring must be entered by February 27th so we will get updates again at our next meeting.

Schoolwide Programs and Policies

- How can we get more ESL/SPED parents to attend events?
- State Curriculum Requirements
 - Health- It is required for students to receive health curriculum in studying the changes of puberty in 4th and 5th grade. The letter will be worded so parents know this course is mandatory. We will offer this course at night

and during the day for students who didn't come with their parents at night.

- Arts Residencies—Continuing to plan them for all grades
- 21st century skills: cursive writing-Not part of the CCSS but still feel is an important skill to learn. Teachers will get feedback from their colleagues and we will continue the discussion next meeting.
- DOE Cell Phone Policy Revision- The Chancellor is proposing that the cell phone policy be revised based on the March PEP vote. We reviewed the suggested guidelines and will discuss implications for our community at our next meeting.

Set February 10th Meeting Agenda

- State Curriculum Requirements
- Pros and Cons to DOE Cell Phone Policy Revision
- 21st century skills: cursive
- Title 1 parent involvement activities
- Parent Volunteers
- Fundraising tables and chairs
- Achieving our Mission and Vision/Reaching ESL Community/Language program

Snack Schedule

- Oct 21- Sarah
- Nov 18- Jill/Andrea
- Dec 9- Jessica
- Jan 20- Donna
- Feb 10- Dawn
- March 17- Cindy
- April 28- Belinda
- May 19- Lina
- June 16- Joanna