

Leadership Minutes
December 9th, 2013

- 1 Ms. Allotta opened the meeting.
- 2 Members Present:
 - Celia Kaplinsky, Principal
 - Joanne Allotta, Teacher/Chairperson
 - Yvette Abreu, UFT Chapter Chair/Teacher
 - Rosanna LaFroschia, Teacher/Recording Secretary
 - Lori Accovelli, Teacher
 - Merrie Levine, Teacher
 - Maria Rivas, PA President/Parent
 - Gina Dellolio, Parent
 - Ann Marie Stabile, Parent
 - Karen Ercole, Parent
 - Suzanne Olney, Parent
 - Helene Selter, Guest/Parent Coordinator
 - Annette Green, Guest/School Safety Officer
 - Stacey Slate, Guest- Edible Schoolyard NYC

1. Garden/Kitchen Update

*Reflections on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony- Children were very well behaved. The ceremony was tastefully done. The highlights of the ceremony include the slideshow and Mrs. Laslie playing the piano. A special thank you was given to the PA for helping to decorate for the ceremony. Ms. Levine suggested that the slideshow be available or shown to teachers who weren't able to attend the ceremony. Ms. Kaplinsky plans to show the slideshow to the staff at the beginning of the next faculty conference, being that the video is only about ten minutes long.

*The Recipe of the Month is still Greens Two Ways, raw and cooked.

*The next Fresh Friday will be hosted in the new kitchen classroom from 10:55am-1:20pm. There will be a tasting and a tour of the new kitchen by Perry.

*In addition, the staff may be able to eat outdoors come spring.

*2,000 pounds of produce have been grown in the Edible Schoolyard to date. It has been used in the kitchen, cafeteria, and sold in summer markets.

*Yvette Abreu notified us that the efforts of the Green Team have been a success. The Green Team takes the uneaten snacks to the garden to make compost.

2. School Safety

*Ms. Kaplinsky will speak to the custodians about locking the gate to the schoolyard so that we may leave the back door unlocked.

*New pattern of going to the garden will be from the auditorium. This will lessen the tracking of mud and dirt in our hallways.

*Agent Greene suggested that a letter be sent home again notifying parents of the arrival times for children. The information should be specific to the day of the week. Ms. Glazer has been giving Helene Selter a list of those children who arrive too early and those parents have received a robo-call. After the notice goes home to parents, Helene

Selter will resend out the robo-call and then target specific parents who still send their children in before arrival time.

*Yvette Abreu received an email from Judy Gerowitz about a school who had a lost child. She is asking that all schools have a plan in place for lost children.

*Helene Selter brought up a health safety issue regarding the Pre K bathrooms which are still not working. Ms. Kaplinsky advised us that she has been making phone calls and sending emails to get the issue resolved.

3. Review and Approve Minutes from the November 2013 Meeting

*Gina Dellolio and Yvette Abreu reviewed and approved the minutes from the November 2013 meeting.

*Retraction from #7 of the November 2013 minutes. Yvette Abreu will not be planning a trip to Brooklyn College.

4. Annual State Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP)

* Ms. Kaplinsky reviewed the goals that were discussed in the last meeting. The CEP goals were submitted to the state department. If there are any revisions to be made, it will be sent back to the school. Ms. Allotta sent around a signature page to the SLT members to sign that they are aware of the goals.

5. Staff In-Depth Study of Danielson's Framework for Teaching

*On 12/12/13, the school will have visitors regarding Danielson to check in. Teachers have been studying the framework to improve overall effectiveness on Wednesdays from 8:00-8:37½ am.

6. Parents Association Meeting in the Kitchen

*1/16/14 PA meeting will be held in the auditorium and then a tour/tasting to be in the new kitchen/greenhouse.

7. New Business

*Student Picture retake and Faculty pictures 12/10/13.

*The Food Drive was a success.

*Clothes and coats have been stocking up in the lost and found. Items will be laid out for students who have lost an item.

*Chocolate sale has been a success.

*12/13/13 Bake Sale

*12/19-12/20 Holiday Sale

The next meeting will be held on January 6th, 2013.

*Ms. Kaplinsky and Ms. Allotta closed the meeting.