

Leadership Minutes
February 26th, 2014

- Ms. Allotta and Ms. Kaplinsky opened the meeting.
- 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
 - Stacey Slate, Guest- Edible Schoolyard NYC

* Ms. Allotta opened the meeting and explained that our last meeting, scheduled for 2/4/14, was canceled due to an urgent data meeting.

1. Garden/Kitchen

*The recipe of the month is making *Bread*. The younger students are working with the grain while the older students are working on kneading the bread.

*The next Fresh Friday is TBA. A flyer will go out in teachers' mailboxes.

*As the better weather comes in, there will be another Teacher Appreciation Day in the kitchen.

*Currently working on writing a grant for a chicken coop.

*There will be an event for kindergarten students next week to celebrate spring which will involve arts and crafts as well as seed planting.

2. School Safety

*At our last meeting, Yvette Abreu brought up the fact that we need to have a protocol in the event that we have a missing student. Since then, protocols have been emailed from the Department of Education.

*Our current concern is if there is a school lockdown of any sort, a fire drill, or a fire, how do we contact those that are in the kitchen? There should be a telephone in the kitchen classroom/greenhouse to ensure communication. Ms. Kaplinsky also suggested that there be a bell or buzzer as well as an intercom for entrance into the kitchen to ensure the safety of the students and garden/kitchen staff. She also suggested that security cameras be installed. All of these suggestions and concerns will be addressed on 2/27/14 at the meeting that is scheduled with the kitchen/garden staff.

3. Review and Approve Minutes from the January 2014 Meeting

* Lori Accovelli and Yvette Abreu reviewed and approved the minutes.

4. Superintendent Visit – February 26th, 2014

* Ms. DiMola has recently moved to Bay Academy. The PA is to be given her new contact information.

*PS 216 has received spectacular feedback from our Superintendent as she visited on 2/26/14. Ms. Kaplinsky acknowledged teacher efforts, hard work, and dedication. The staff has been responding to the changes and demands put in place by the Department of Education with a sense of urgency and respect. Teachers have been collaborating with one another to make for a positive learning environment for all to grow, learn, and succeed. The caliber of work is of high standard.

*The next District Consultation Committee meeting will be held in either the library or the kitchen.

5. PS 209 SMART Board Training Support

*We were invited to attend SMART Board Training Support at PS 209 but it was canceled due to the weather conditions. Therefore, a new date is TBA.

6. Debrief from Professional Development Day- January 31st, 2014

*This PD was successful and beneficial for teachers as much was accomplished. We are hopeful for another PD day this spring.

7. Extended Parent Conferences- Grades 4 and 5

*As per the former Chancellor Dennis Walcott, parents of any student with a level 1 or 2 in the upper grades are entitled to half hour extended parent teacher conferences either before or after school times.

8. Chorus Contest

*Canceled for legality purposes.

9. Off- Broadway Trips

*Grades 2-3 Anansi the Spider

*Grades 4-5 Cinderella

*Feedback from the Cinderella show was great. Ms. Allotta took her class and it was a really enjoyable, multicultural experience. It was acted by aspiring actors as their internship. The scenes were from different cultural versions of Cinderella.

10. New Business

*Helene Selter advised us that the Parent Surveys are coming out. As Parent Teacher Conferences are approaching, any parents that can help assist parents in completing these would be greatly appreciated.

*The ESL Program Grant for adults is to begin again.

*The Late Book at the security desk is not really accomplishing anything as students are still coming in late. Ms. Kaplinsky will send out a notice to parents stating the suggested arrival times.

*3/4/14 PM Parents Association Meeting. The kitchen will be giving out tasters.

Ms. Allotta will be speaking to parents about the upcoming testing.

*The PA will be going around to local business this coming Monday to get raffles as an incentive to complete the Parent Surveys.

*Family Fun Night 4/3/14 (after testing) PreK- 2 Time TBA

*Faculty Pictures and Senior Graduation Pictures 4/4/14. Scheduling TBA by S. Glazer.

*SLT hours can be completed at the *understanding the School Budget* meeting on Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 from 4-6pm at Boody. This is opened to SLT parents and UFT SLT members.

*The Wellness program will be distributing a notice home with children to show and tell students what a healthy lunch looks like versus what an unhealthy lunch looks like. The PA offered the brown bags to be distributed along with the notices.

The next meeting will be held on March 3rd, 2014.

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