

**Leadership Minutes**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

- Members Present:
  - Celia Kaplinsky, Principal
  - Yvette Abreu, UFT Chapter Chair/Teacher
  - Rosanna LaFroscia, Teacher/Recording Secretary
  - Lori Accovelli, Teacher
  - Merrie Levine, Teacher
  - Maria Rivas, PA President/Parent
  - Karen Ercole, Parent
  - Suzanne Olney, Parent
  - Sandra Ali, Parent
  - Gina Dellolio, Parent
  - Ann Marie Stabile, Parent
  - Annette Greene, Guest/School Safety Officer
  - Helene Selter, Guest/Parent Coordinator

\* Ms. Kaplinsky opened the meeting.

1. Garden/Kitchen

\*Recipe of the Month is “Eat Your Greens.” Students will learn about plants and how we can eat all parts of a plant.

\*Students will also be making salad dressings. These recipes will be available for the staff.

\*Grade 5 students planted seeds in March and are harvesting in May.

\*The next Fresh Friday will be held on 5/23/14 in the kitchen classroom.

\*On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, will be Family Garden Day from 11-1pm. There will be tile painting activities, scavenger hunts, recipes, etc.

\*Grade 4 begins the After School Garden Club on 5/6/14.

\*5/21/14 Principals’ Meeting to be held in the kitchen. Tastings, availability, seating, and access to a projector were discussed.

\*Farm Stand will begin the second week in June on Avenue X and East 1<sup>st</sup> street.

\*The Chickens will arrive at the house of a kitchen/garden staff member in mid-May and will be in the garden in June.

2. School Safety

\*Agent Greene expressed concern about Exit C, the East 1<sup>st</sup> street exit. It has come to her attention that the doors do not close unless they are pushed closed. She is asking that all be reminded to close those doors behind them.

\*Helene Selter addressed the arrival of students at an early time. She discussed how all students should have the same arrival times.

3. Review and Approve Minutes from the April 2014 Meeting

\* Maria Rivas and Karen Ercole reviewed and approved the minutes.

#### 4. Change of Network

\*The SLT team had an emergency meeting on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regarding a vote on applying for a network change. All parties voted in favor.

\*Ms. Kaplinsky applied for a change of network. We will not find out for a few weeks. The cutoff date for applications is in a few weeks. They will then review which network has the most and least applicants. If it falls below 20 principals, the network closes. Ms. Kaplinsky will share with our network leader that we applied for a change of network.

#### 5. School Survey Update

\*Helene Selter advised us that we will have more accurate numbers next week. 98% of the teacher surveys were completed.

#### 6. State Testing: Science

\*June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 will be the written component of the Science State Test.

#### 7. Graduation

\*Ms. Kaplinsky is looking into a keynote speaker for graduation and working on letters to go out.

#### 8. SBO Vote:

\*As per the new contract, morning Tutoring and Inquiry/Data will not be in effect. Parent Teacher Conferences SBO is still valid. Yvette Abreu advised us that we are still waiting on the more information regarding the status of the contract and will advise us of this information as it becomes available.

#### 9. New Business

\*Spring Pictures 5/6/14

\*Mother's Day sale 5/9/14

\*Spring Hop 5/16/14

\*Luncheon for Staff 5/6/14

\*Helene Selter advised us that the Fire Department will be visiting our schools to teach children what to do in the event of a fire. There will also be a smokehouse in the front of the building for students to experience.

\*Ms. Kaplinsky advised us that we are reviewing pilot programs that the lead teachers looked into. She is going to try and get the materials for the pilot program.

\*iReady: Some teachers are currently piloting the instructional component of iReady.

The next meeting will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. SLT members are advised to bring their dates and services as we will be filling out pay sheets at the next meeting.

\*Ms. Kaplinsky closed the meeting.