

Leadership Minutes
June 2nd, 2014

- Members/Guests Present:
 - Joanne Allotta, Teacher/Chairperson
 - 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
 - Annette Greene, Guest/School Safety Officer
 - Helene Selter, Guest/Parent Coordinator
 - Cecilia Calarroggi, Edible Schoolyard
 - Alicia Mohammed, Parent
 - Danielle Minetti, Parent

* Ms. Allotta opened the meeting. Ms. Kaplinsky sends her regards that she cannot be in attendance for this meeting.

1. Garden/Kitchen

*Recipe of the Month is continuing from last month until the last week in June-“Eat Your Greens/Plant Parts Salad.” Students will continue to learn about plants and how we can eat all parts of a plant.

*Stacey Slate is no longer with the Edible Schoolyard but has decided to pursue a graduate degree. We send her our very best wishes.

*Thursday, June 4th, 2014 2:30-3:30 will begin the Farm Stand. The Farm Stand will continue to be open on Thursdays throughout the summer.

*Ten chickens will be moving into PS 216 by the end of June. The chickens are not intended to be running around in the garden freely, but will be in a chicken coop. They will be locked in the coop nightly. We discussed the idea of garden staff and volunteers helping out to maintain the chicken coop. The garden staff will ask teachers to nominate children and/or families who may be interested in tending to the responsibilities of the chicken coop throughout the summer.

*6/7/14, 6/14/14 the coop will be built.

*The garden and kitchen camp is scheduled to be three days long in the first week in July. Staff is taking \$10-15 deposit. Parents and students will be participating in kitchen projects. Notes regarding the camp will be sent home shortly.

2. School Safety Committee

*We had a discussion on security in the schools such as cameras, alarms on doors, etc. How far is too much? We want to ensure students and staff safety. We would have to figure out how it would work with alarms n the doors, being that the garden and kitchen

staff take classes out and in daily. Agent Greene advised us that there is an upcoming meeting to be held in Central Quarters to discuss cameras and extra security measures. Information will be turn keyed. This discussion to be continued...

*Agent Greene asked teachers and staff to spread the word that teachers should inform the security agents of anyone in or out of the schoolyard during lunch periods and/or in the playground.

3. Review and Approve Minutes from the May 2014 Meeting

* Lori Accovelli and Karen Ercole reviewed and approved the minutes.

4. Review 2013-2014 CEP Goals

*Ms. Allotta reviewed our three goals set forth for the 2013-2014 school year:

1. To increase reading comprehension by 3% as evidenced by the performance based assessments in ReadyGen.
2. 3% increase in math skills as evidenced by the performance based assessments in GoMath.
3. To increase teacher effectiveness by 75% based on formal and informal observations.

5. Looking Ahead to the 2014-2015 School Year

*The citywide expectations for next year include that we know our students' knowledge and skills and to use that information to implement purposeful instruction.

*We are continuing with ReadyGen and GoMath. These programs are with us for a two year commitment. At the end of next year, these programs will be up for discussion.

*The new contract promotes a culture of collaboration and professional learning.

Mondays and Tuesdays will be extended for staff to have teacher professional development to further develop their craft.

*There have been no formal decisions as of yet on next year's schedule/times.

*Helene Selter discussed that the possible earlier release may be an adjustment for some parents and so she had spoken to Kings Bay Y regarding a possible 2:20-3:20 start for their program.

6. New Business

*6/13/14 Father's Day Sale

*6/05/14 Snack Sale

*6/19/14 Prom

7. School Leadership Team Remuneration Forms

*Distribution & Completion

8. Have a Healthy and Safe Summer

*Ms. Allotta closed the meeting.