

**Leadership Minutes**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

- Members/Guests Present:
  - Joanne Allotta, Teacher/Chairperson
  - Yvette Abreu, UFT Chapter Chair/Teacher
  - Rosanna LaFroscia, Teacher/Recording Secretary
  - Lori Accovelli-Marin, Teacher
  - Merrie Levine, Teacher
  - Marni Hagel, Teacher
  - Karen Ercole, Parent
  - Suzanne Olney, PA President/Parent
  - Gina Dellolio, Parent
  - Olivia Parker, Edible Schoolyard NYC
  - 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. Welcome

\*Ms. Allotta started the meeting by introducing herself and explaining the purpose of the School Leadership Team.

\*Ms. Allotta advised us that the By-Laws are currently being revised.

\*Ms. Allotta also advised us of the Stipend at the end of the year that is \$300.00 based on 30 hours of service, 20 of those hours being the SLT meetings.

2. Review and Approve Minutes from the June 2014 Meeting

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

3. School Safety

\*Helene Selter discussed late arrivals and advised us that KingsBay Y has adjusted their times based on our dismissal time.

4. Instructional Expectations for 2014-2015 School Year

\*School Goals:

- By June 2015, students in grades K-5 (including ELLs and SWD), will demonstrate an increased understanding of ELA strategies as evidenced by units of study work, Ready Gen Assessments and School Net results.
- By June 2015, students in grades K-5 (including ELLs and SWD) will show an increase in understanding math strategies as evidenced by units of study work, GO Math assessments and School Net results.
- By June 2015, there will be an overall increase in teacher effectiveness as evidenced by formal and informal observations, student work and teacher goals.

\*There have been some changes in the curriculum. ReadyGen and GoMath are still underway. However, kindergarten and first grade put a new program into place. It is called Wonders. Teachers have researched this program and presented it to Ms. Kaplinsky, who then agreed to let teachers try a different literacy program. Ms. Accovelli-Marin, a first grade teacher, explained that Wonders seems to be a good program thus far, with age appropriate material and lessons.

#### 5. Quality Review

\*All schools across New York City will be having a quality review, including PS 216. It will be a one day quality review by Superintendent DiMola and some network leaders.

#### 6. Lunch Forms

\*Federal funding is determined by the number of forms we get back. Please encourage parents to complete, sign, and return as soon as possible.

#### 7. Garden/Kitchen Update

\*Introducing Olivia Parker, the new program coordinator replacing Stacey Slate. She informed us that there is an opportunity to win \$10,000 through KIND. Forms will be sent out. Please vote for our school and help us to get a chance to win! It will be discussed further on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, at the PA meeting.

\*There will also be an event where students destroy pumpkins and compost them. More information will be available as the Edible Schoolyard NYC team meets.

#### 8. Meeting Dates

\*Meeting dates will be determined when the new principal is present as we discuss any changes or preferences from this point on.

#### 9. New Business

\*Suzanne Olney, the PA President, informed us that the following events were approved by Ms. Kaplinsky. However, our new principal will be made aware of these events and therefore, there may be some changes.

\*10/21/14 PA Meeting 8:30pm

\*10/23/14 Picture Day (Pre-K pictures will be taken at a later date)

\*10/24/14 Halloween Bake Sale

\*10/27/14 Pumpkin Decorating Contest (grades 3-5)

\*10/30/14 Pumpkin Patch (details TBA)

\*Ms. Allotta closed the meeting.