



SLT MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2023

Mrs. Chang asked for the new and existing members to introduce themselves. New SLT members Cory Clifton and Simone Curbelo. Existing members Tina Calabro and Shomita Rahman first year as. SLT member and Mr. Tsimis third grade teacher.

School Survey Data

Mrs. Chang explained that data is either hard or soft . The meeting started with sharing data from school survey.

Mrs. Chang explained the importance of the school survey. Mrs. Parada explained the first part of the data which included teachers and staff. We received most of our data on where we could possible improve on communication, leadership or parent involvement. The school has done pretty well in parent involvement 96% in comparison to the city. The school looks at the lowest of the responses and use that data in developing the CEP goals. The data is broken down by families, teachers and compared to the Superintendent and City data. One of the challenges is that the questions are not taken seriously, even though we use the answers to help adjust our CEP plans in the school.

Mrs. Chang explained what really brought us down is how many students have to work hard to do well, parents agreed with this as they see it with their own children. Mr. Tsimis explained some of the challenges with the i-Ready in the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Chang then explained the i-Ready results help to adjust instruction for students. Mrs. Chang explained that all data is taken seriously and the parents voice does matter .

Instructional Focus

In order to obtain the Instructional Focus we triangulate data by using our June Instructional Data, i-Ready Data and school data which includes looking into our present 4th and 5th grades data and notice deficits which then correlate with other data in order to formulate the Instructional Focus in ELA and Math. Discussed also was how the teachers take the data and then apply it into classrooms.

NY State Results

PS85Q did very well on the ELA state exams, the school proficiency improved by 12% in ELA and 10% in Math. All grades improved including English Language Learners SWD students PS85Q attendance data also improved.

Character Parade

This year's Character Parade is coming up.



Title 1 Meeting

Title 1 Meeting was held previous to SLT meeting.

Award's Night

Parents asked if Awards Night could be in person, Mrs. Chang brought up that attendance is better with Virtual Awards Night. Parents also mentioned if it could be Hybrid, Mrs. Chang answered that it is something we could look into in the future. It was also suggested if children could be recorded to give a speech about accepting their award.

Anti-Bullying Month

Social Worker and Guidance Counselor visited classes daily and addressed bullying and supporting students, and well as offered Parent Workshops. We are going to send out a survey to find out how to support parents better with workshops. PA has offered to help advertise the Workshops and Mrs. Chang requested the PA reach out to our Parent Coordinator Mrs. Michela.

Safety and Security

We have completed six fire drills and are awaiting the Code Blue drill which is with the defibrillator and a test dummy. Several staff members are trained in Code Blue protocol and additional training in December will continue for AED training. We have presently seven staff members trained.

The main entrance was measured for the new lock system. In the future the front door locks will be changed. Ms. Chang designated which doors will have the new locks, this will be the main entrance and Exits 1 and 2 by the lunch personnel. The contractors will return to install and train staff members including Mrs. Chang, Mr. Pinder and anyone sitting at the safety Destin letting persons in the building. Every door is also equipped with alarms. Mrs. Chang explained the process for schools to be outfitted for new doors that will require anyone entering the building to have picture identification and then be buzzed in by Safety Officer.

Open Forum

Parents had questions regarding new building being open next September. Another question was regarding RSA for Related Services. Mrs. Parada explained that the letters sent to parents explained the RSA and that there will be a new Related Service provider coming to the school to service their students. Ms. Calabro stated that she has not received any notices from the Related Services providers and Mrs. Chang will be reaching out to the providers. Mrs. Chang explained that Related Services providers and their schedule comes from the OT Supervisors, however Mrs. Chang will reach out to the service providers to remind them to send out Start of Service letters to parents. Mrs. Chang cleared up that 2nd grade is still receiving Greek Immersion and dispelled the rumor of the 2nd Grade not receiving Greek Immersion. We

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have a Greek Immersion teacher named Ms. Vasilopoulos, this class also has ENL learners and a Greek speaking teacher. PS85Q does not have a bilingual teacher nor class at our school. The school communicates via Smore Newsletter, Class Dojo, and School Messenger. We send reminders to update your email, the school will be sending out an email update paper. Mrs. Chang further clarified the G&T process that child cannot be placed in a G&T classroom without a letter or a number on the priority list. The Pupil Accounting secretary follows the order of the priority list. No general education student is placed into a G&T classroom. Mrs. Chang further clarified that announcements are made in a positive manner and then reminds children of events occurring in the school.

Next Meeting November 28, 2023