



## SLT Minutes January 28, 2025

Mrs. Chang welcomed everyone to the January SLT meeting. Everyone was asked to sign in to the meeting.

- **Review December Minutes**

Minutes were approved unanimously.

- **CEP**

Mrs. Parada shared Section 5 of the CEP: Chronic Absenteeism. The priority needs were discussed, which included ELL population needs. Some issues discussed were socioeconomic factors, language barriers, and family and home environment. These needs affect attendance and chronic absenteeism. Our attendance data for last June was reviewed. Data was also examined by grade from Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Chang clarified that excused absences still counted as absences as far as the data was concerned. Our new goal for June 2025 would be to decrease by 3% from 27% to 24%. The process of the outreach for chronic absenteeism was also discussed, which may include a visit to the home from the attendance teacher. Parents offered support to improve attendance. A recommendation was made to resend attendance guidelines to families.

- **Smaller Class Size Plan Update**

Mrs. Chang reported that our Class Size Plan was submitted on time. We will be notified by the end of February-the beginning of March whether or not it is approved.

- **i-Ready/Acadience**

Mrs. Chang explained that students have been assigned the middle of the year diagnostics to assess progress from September/October. The end-of-year assessments will take place in May/June. Families will receive student reports. Clarification was made regarding i-Ready and Acadience as well as HMH and Envision unit assessments being required district-wide.

- **Lunch and Learn**

Mrs. Chang discussed the program geared towards students in 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Priority was to be given to students with disabilities and ENL learners. Parent permission would be necessary. Lunch and Learn was not mandated for any students. Parents have the right to refuse. It was explained that direct instruction in ELA and Math would be focused on skills.

- **Arts Programs – Enrichment**

Mrs. Chang thanked the PA for the support with art program partnerships that have been provided. All grades were receiving these enrichment programs.

- **Afterschool**

Mrs. Chang reviewed the focus of the after-school program. Programs had been purchased that were different from the regular curriculum used throughout the day to support our students. It was also clarified that parents had the right to refuse the program.

- **School Construction Update auditorium, Lunchroom**

Mrs. Chang gave updates on the main building which is scheduled to have the roof redone. Water damage was identified. Additionally, the windows would be repaired as well as improvements to parapets which allow water to come into the building. The water fountains in the lunchroom would be replaced and new lunch tables were also scheduled to be delivered. Old tables were scheduled to be donated. The auditorium was going to be painted, and new curtains were ordered. The floors would also be redone. The main building auditorium would need to be closed off for approximately six weeks for renovations to be completed. Audio/Visual technology for the auditorium was also going to be addressed. Work would be done outside of school hours. Ms. Chapman offered to consult regarding the technology component. Mrs. Chang explained that School Construction makes the final decisions regarding all updates. Discussion revolved around tech training.

- **Safety and Security - Online Security**

Mrs. Parada reported that many students were playing Roblox online. One student shared information about themselves. An outside person was involved in making certain threats. All administrators were directly involved in addressing the issue. We contacted the superintendent and deputy Superintendent as well as the police. Although the incident occurred outside of school, we have taken measures to ensure the students' safety. Ms. Lin added that students were told to share with their parents immediately. Mrs. Chang encouraged parents to remain vigilant in terms of their children's online safety. Suggestions were made regarding tech safety and programs to support our students. Parents in all grades will be receiving information.

Ms. Samolis informed the team that we are looking into a new crossing guard.

- **Open Forum**

- Mrs. Liapis was introduced as a new SLT member.
- Questions regarding immigration status and ICE coming into schools were addressed. Mrs. Chang replied that NYC remains a safe haven for students and families. We were waiting for new directives from the chancellor. Schools were already trained to not allow anyone other than NYC police to enter the schools. Our administration would continue to act as parents to our children and no children would be taken out of our school.

- Response time of teachers was brought up. Mrs. Chang responded that teachers could not respond during instructional time. Teachers do have OPT which is a time when additional professional duties can be addressed. Mrs. Chang suggested contacting the parent coordinator who is the conduit between parents and the school. Discussion revolved around the response of administration as well. Mrs. Chang explained that Mrs. Parada and all staff are vigilant regarding their responses. Parents were encouraged to use the help@ps85q.com email for Mrs. Parada and class dojo for teachers. Mrs. Chang suggested giving a 48 hour window, excluding evenings and weekends for response. Mrs. Parada added that she uses three different emails that she responds to.
- Parent Teacher conferences are on the DOE calendar and on our website.
- Mrs. Chang reminded the team of the purpose of the SLT is to develop the CEP.
- The question of the public playground being closed after recent snowfall. The safety of children was the most paramount and if they could not ensure safe use of the playground then it would be closed. The custodian was contacted.