

Minutes from School Leadership Team Meeting- FINAL

Thursday- September 24, 2020

Team Members in Attendance:

Nancy Tomasuolo, Principal	Melissa Scarpaci, PTA Pres.
Jessica Michaelidis, Assistant Principal	Angie Huang, Parent
Michelle Bennett, Assistant Principal	Victoria Carrique, Parent
Laura Bonomolo, Assistant Principal	Diane Cuce, Teacher
Catherine Ebro, UFT Chapter Leader	Annmarie Giuffre, Teacher

Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2020 SLT Meeting were read and approved with some revisions.

SLT Member Changes:

- Nancy Tomosuolo, Principal, will postpone retirement until Thanksgiving
- Diane Cuce, Teacher, will retire in October
- Catherine Ebro is new UFT Chapter Leader
- Angie Huang, Parent, has served the required 2 terms and will step down
- Laura Bonomolo, Asst Principal, will take over as Meeting Chairperson.
- Victoria Carrique, Parent, will serve another term as Meeting Secretary
- Two parents from the SLT have students who have graduated from the school, therefore, their terms have expired.
- Virtual Elections for three open parent positions will be announced at the next virtual PTA Meeting.

Back to School:

- Tuesday, September 29, 2020, PS 204 welcomes students back into the classrooms for blended learning. All children will conduct a Health Screening upon entering the building every morning. Information will go home to blended parents this week.
- As of now, there are 648 students remote learning and 385 students doing blended learning. Cohort A has 139 students. Cohort B has 142 students and Cohort C has 124 students. In addition, there are the 12:1 students which will be in school full time, five days a week.
- Teachers are available to speak with parents daily during office hours- 2:00-2:20

Virtual Elections:

- Mrs. Tomosuolo will provide Melissa Scarpaci with the guidelines for Virtual PTA Meetings and Virtual Elections. First, a PTA meeting will be scheduled for the

first week in October. At the PTA Meeting, the open positions in the Parent Teacher Association and the Student Leadership Team will be discussed and a Virtual Election Meeting will be scheduled within 10 days of the PTA Meeting-Mid October. Since it is a short notice election, nominations will be taken right from the floor for all open positions.

Blended Curriculum Questions:

-Question from Parent: One parent was concerned about the structure of the lessons for Amplify Science- the children watch a video, answer questions and then have a google class meet with the teacher. Wouldn't it be more effective to have the google class meet (teacher teach the lesson), then watch the video and answer questions? Ms. Bonomolo explained that the purpose of watching the video first (asynchronous instruction) was for the children to try to understand the lesson from the video and use the google meet with the teacher (synchronous instruction) to answer any questions and review key points about the instruction.

-The 204 administration reassured parents that they are rolling out certain lesson plans but are accepting feedback from parents and teachers, and will consider making changes as the semester progresses.

-Question from Parent: Mrs. Tomosuolo explained that one parent called the school and suggested that synchronous instruction end at 10:30 am, so they (parent) can focus on their work-from-home. Mrs. Tomosuolo will take that suggestion into consideration but explained that administration has to do what's best for the whole community and as of now, they are following the chancellor's guidelines and regulations for synchronous/asynchronous instruction.

-Question from Parent: One parent explained that her child is raising her hand during a google meet but the teacher is not calling on her because she cannot see her. Ms. Bonomolo said they are looking into using "google grid" -a system which allows the teachers to see all of the children in the classroom.

In summation, administration explained that this is not the typical reopening of school and systems are being rolled out slowly, and it is only going to get better!

Next SLT Meeting Agenda:

- Next meeting will be end of October (date to be announced.)
- PTA Elections
- School Leadership Team Elections
- School Calendar of Events