

P.S.174Q School Leadership Team Minutes
Friday, March 16th, 2012

The meeting began at 7:45 AM

Attendance: Principal Karin Kelly, PA Co-President Dawn Geniale, Pat Evens, Susan Hammer, Gina Mastrogioacomo, Marie Russell, Nisren Ali, Geraldo Maldonado, Julie Milner

Observers: Laura Hui, Parent Coordinator

Marie Russell and Geraldo Maldonado approved the March minutes.

Revised Mission Statement

The mission statement on the DOE website was an older version and needed to be updated. As a team we made changes and the changes were approved by Julie Milner and Susan Hammer. Principal Kelly stated that she will notify the DOE of the changes.

The revised mission statement will read:

“The mission of Public School 174 is to build a community of diverse learners through varied educational experiences. Students are taught to their greatest potential through a rigorous academic and enrichment program. By recognizing and embracing the diverse cultures, nationalities and backgrounds represented in our school, students realize the importance of mutual respect and understanding. Civic responsibility is developed through service projects that reach out and build up the community. Parent involvement is a vital part of the school and complements the professional teaching children receive.”

Early Childhood Conference

There is an early childhood conference at UFT headquarters in Manhattan on March 24th. If people are interested in attending the tickets can be paid for through the SLT budget.

Performance Task Update

A staff vote was taken requesting a change to the school calendar for early dismissal on Friday, May 25th. This date was requested to provide time for professional development and to communicate to parents the school goals for math and ELA in regards to the new Common Core State Standards and performance tasks. The vote was approved on Thursday, March 8th.

Another vote will be taken at the next Parents Association meeting on Tuesday, March 20th. At the scheduled meeting Principal Kelly will explain the timeframe, structure, and purpose of May 25th. The performance task meeting will begin with general information and include school-wide information in the auditorium. It will then change to break out groups in individual classrooms.

Pajama Night

Pajama night will be on Tuesday, March 20th at the next Parents Association meeting. Dawn Geniale has requested that teachers attend. Principal Kelly suggested that we also invite community leaders such as Senator Addabbo.

Grade 5 Ballroom Dancing

On Monday, March 19th a select group of students will attend a ballroom dancing competition. Next week our fifth grade students will be performing in the school.

School Website

The developer visited the school to take photographs of student work. Principal Kelly requested that parents make suggestions for what will be included. Principal Kelly suggested that we include academics and enrichment.

Ideas for the website:

- Geraldo suggested including the school/grade community service projects and information on the Common Core State Standards
- Susan Hammer suggested including information on Donors Choose
- Nisren Ali suggested including links to academic websites
- Laura Hui suggested viewing information that other schools have included such as DOE calendars
- Laura questioned whether teacher's emails should be included on the website because parents have requested this information. Susan Hammer explained that if email addresses are included a statement must be included which states that emergencies and urgent messages should not be sent through email. Nisren Ali stated that this means of communication should be consistent across grades. Laura Hui suggested that teachers make this information available but explain the limitations of using email, as well set basic guidelines during curriculum conferences. Principal Kelly stated that she would also work with staff to show how easy the use of email can be.

PS 174 News

Principal Kelly reported that Neme Alperstein goes to oo.com to collect votes for funding for classroom projects. She has already won two nooks.

Principal Kelly also thanked the Parents Association for the planetarium.

Marie Russell explained that student council started the breakfast program this week and all students were given pedometers to measure their steps.

Principal Kelly explained that this week was the last week of the after school program and there were performances held. She stated that the parents enjoyed the performances very much.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54.