

P.S.174Q School Leadership Team Minutes
Friday, May 22, 2015

The meeting began at: 7:40 a.m.

Attendance: Principal Karin Kelly, Pat Evens, Susan Hammer, David Heath, Karen Lee, Geraldo Maldonado, Gina Mastrogiacomo, Julie Milner, Cine Ostrow, Marie Russell

Observers: Heather Dimitriadis, parent, Laura Hui, Parent Coordinator, Kristin Salek, parent, Elana White, parent

April minutes were amended and approved.

SLT Elections: Pat Evens, Susan Hammer, Gina Mastrogiacomo, and Marie Russell were re-elected as school staff representatives.

Cluster Positions: In a recent teacher survey the following cluster positions were seen as important offerings for the new school year – science for all grades and a library program. Suggestions from the Parent SLT representatives included deeper character development programs, a fine arts program, an instrumental music program, and a foreign language. All of these subjects are limited by budgetary constraints and teacher licensing requirements.

School Year Book: there seems to be an interest in expanding the traditional graduation year book to an annual book open to all grades. This would allow the book to be sold to a wider body of families and would allow a variety of student activities to be highlighted. The parent SLT representatives will present the idea to the PA Executive Board for their input.

School Hours: The school hours will not change for the 2015-16 school year. The current UFT Contract states that teachers cannot start work later than 8:20 a.m. and must end by 4:00 p.m. School doors open at 7:40 a.m. allowing parents to drop off their child early. Although there is a small group of parents who wish to have an after-school program that runs Monday through Friday, due to security issues/concerns, it would be impractical for an outside organization to run an after-school program in our building.

Upcoming School Events: Metropolitan Expeditionary Learning School and Russell Sage Middle School will be visiting to present their programs to our current students in grades 3 – 5. Sixty students will be attending the 2015 Science Expo at the Armory with Mrs. Friedman. Musical performances will be held by 5th grade, Beauty & the Beast, and 3rd grade, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. Award ceremonies are being held for our students who participated in the Ezra Jack Keats Storybook competition and the Exploravision Essay competition in which several students received Honorary Mentions. Our school choir had the honor of singing at CitiField during a recent Mets game.

RESO Grants: At the Participatory Budget meeting Karen Koslowitz allocated funds for a dance studio and for an auditorium air-conditioning system.

Computer Lab: Excessively hot days will cause the computer lab to be closed to avoid overheating damage to our new computer equipment. It is anticipated that the air-conditioning units will be delivered next week.

Stipends: It was voted and approved that any unused SLT stipends will be used to fund office supplies.

Meeting ended at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marie Russell