

ADOPTED 6/19/20
NYC Museum School
School Leadership Team Meeting
Friday, May 22, 2020, 5:45pm



Notes of Meeting Via Zoom
Team Attendance on 5/22/20

Mandatory Members:

- ✓ Darlene Miller, Principal
- ✓ Ramona Abraham, UFT Chapter Leader
- ✓ Gillian Sowell, PTA Co-President

Elected Members:

- ✓ Mauro Antognelli
- ✓ David Cardenas
- ✓ Beth Davies
- ✓ John LaLena
- ✓ Jamie Markovitz
- ✓ Anthony Singh
- ✓ Paula Singh, Parent
- ✓ Angela Skirianos
- ✓ Alexander Theodorakos

Observers:

Joel Lowy, AP
Jaclyn Kesler

Meeting began at 5:45pm.

Agenda

CEP Goals

Attendance is improved even in remote learning

SLT Training

Ms. Sowell reported that the SLT training earlier in the week focused on maintaining a schedule of work around the CEP goals. Progress toward goals should be determined by using data. New goals for 2020-2021 should be developed by the SLT in May and June. The school will receive access to a new SMART goal builder tool soon. Principals can attest that goals are in alignment with budget without compromising their ability to appeal the budget. Action plans for goals can be refined in the fall.

School Budget

Budget cuts to the School Budget are anticipated. New budgets are not in yet. School is in a “grandfather” year of Title I federal funding, since enrollment of poverty level students dropped below 60% in the 2018-2019 school year. Economic position of families may have changed because of coronavirus, so Ms. Miller has been asking if Title I funding can be continued -- Income forms are completed by families in the fall.

Seniors After Graduation:

Seniors are heading to college in new landscape. Plans are evolving as institutions are absorbing losses. How are the plans of our students evolving? Can we be supportive? Counsellors are pivotal in guiding seniors.

Corporate Connections

Important resource. School profile information important for connections to companies.

NYC DOE Survey

Discussion of whether completing the survey should be promoted more than it has been. Can be done with sensitivity so as not to overload families. Mr. Theodorakos suggested promoting on school Instagram account. PTA could include in communications to families. Understanding of our families and their situations is imperative for the SLT.

School Admissions

Current admissions and diversity discussion.

Minutes

February Minutes, April Notes, and May Notes will be emailed to team in advance so that we can adopt in June meeting.

School in the fall

Discussion of the different forms school could take and the challenges for teachers and students.

Summer school

Usually only about 7 students are mandated for summer school. Goal will be to have as few students as possible in that position.

Community service hours

Can students volunteer in coronavirus? Discussion ensued on ideas for volunteering in the current environment (online tutoring, creating virtual tours of museums, for example).

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences via Google Meet were very successful.

Special Education students and remote learning

Teachers are differentiating for students according to their needs. Mr. LaLena notes some increased engagement with Special Education student perhaps through the independence/control afforded in an asynchronous environment and the connection with teachers through email. Ms. Davies observed that independent pacing has benefitted some students.

Peer-to-peer tutoring

Mr. Theodorakos raised that peer-to-peer tutoring is an opportunity for volunteer hours. There is high interest among students. Peer-to-peer tutoring exists in several classes including Japanese. Plan is to expand in the fall.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Minutes submitted by Anthony Singh and Gillian Sowell