



Minutes OF ZOOM MEETING on 4/28/2020 - TO BE ADOPTED
NYC Museum School
School Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday 4/28/2021, 5pm

Team Attendance on 4/28/2021:

Mandatory Members

- √ Daisy Fontanez, Principal Assigned
- √ Ramona Abraham, UFT Chapter Leader
- √ Julia Haselmayer, PTA Co-President

Elected Members:

- √ Keyon Armstead
- √ Stacy Bess
- √ David Cardenas
- √ John LaLena
- √ Jamie Markovitz
- √ Alison Overholser
- √ Angela Skirianos

Student Members:

- √ Jefferson Lantigua
- √ Jonathan Rosario

Other Attendees:

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Call to Order

Jamie Markovitz called the meeting to order at 5:04

Approval of minutes from meeting of April 7th 2021

Minutes were adopted without correction.

Principal Report- PPO

Mrs Fontanez had a performance review as Principal Assigned performance review by Mark Rush last week and he was pleased with her performance. One of main goals for her was to make school a more trusted environment and give everyone a voice, which she has achieved together with a great team. There have been many opportunities for departments to meet. The ELA department now selects their own books and hopes that there will be a book club next year. Math department is trying to bring pre-calc back. The dean, Mrs Skirianos is creating the new webpage, there has been student and parent empowerment, and there many new clubs for students to interact.

2 teachers are up for tenure. Mark Rush was pleased with their performance after visiting their classes.

Professional development is taking place with focus on project based learning. So far one teacher had intervisitation with another school, the Social studies team collaborated with teachers from another school. Our Teachers will meet with teachers from other schools about building up project based learning.

Mrs Fontanez reached out to Vivian Orlen and Mark Rush to get an update on Principal Miller, as it has been almost a year. So far there is none. If given the opportunity Mrs Fontanez would strongly consider to stay on.

NX Update:

NX Update: 111 scholars. NX University in June - plan is currently being drafted. Once done, it will be communicated to scholars and parents.

Connector program update:

The idea came from Student Government. The idea is to feel the temperature among the students if there are any problems. Students will meet once a week with the connector teachers and talk about well being.

Suggested Mentor Program: Idea was put forward by Keyon Armstead for a mentor program for incoming 9th graders with current scholars to help them ease into highschool after the last year of remote learning. Next step is to understand if there is interest among students and teachers and figuring out how to get it up in running by september. A committee needs to be formed.



If there are funds, the school is planning a bridge program, which could be a great opportunity to introduce mentors.

Spanish teacher replacement effort (will there be a possibility for AP Spanish):

No update on the Spanish teacher, but spanish classes go well with Mrs Ortiz and Mr Lowy. AP Class is difficult as we are a small school. Looking into other creative ways to offer scholars rich courses. More electives. Email to teachers will be sent out to find out if there classes that they are passionate about teaching.

Question about language requirements if students had already language in Middle School.

Admissions update: College & Incoming HS Admissions update

College: scholars are still getting accepted and need to complete naviance. So far students have been accepted to Ivy League schools, top tier suny and cuny schools.

Incoming HS Admission update: School received preliminary data and received applicants from all over the city. The school is not allowed to give any details, but had over 3000 applicants.

Seniors are setting up a page to celebrate students achievements, acceptances and scholarships.

Student Government update

Student Government organized Senior day last Wednesday. Around 70 kids came to the building to attend. There was a Family feud event with different teams, and the winners got a gift card. The Student Government is looking to plan more events before the end of the year..

PTA Executive Board update

PTA election will be held in May. This Thursday, April 29th the PTA will host their first community event, organised by the PTA Community committee.

Further the PTA is happy that it could support the Archive in this difficult year.

Teacher Update

AP Exams: All exams will be digital, however scholars can come to the building and take the digital exam there.

There has been some misunderstanding about the format of the AP Exams. All AP teachers will meet with AP Hindelong this Friday to clear up any misunderstandings and communicate this to their students. Principal Fontanez will also make sure all AP exam information will be communicated clearly.

"Hero Squad"update:

The school raised over \$5000. According to Mr. Lowy, this is the most the school ever raised in a school activity.



Opt In Update:

Priority is given to all scholars in temporary housing, students with learning disabilities and struggling students to come in 3 times a week. Scholars will have the opportunity to work on projects together to support each other in learning.

There is also demand from thriving students to come in twice a week. Mrs Fontnez and Mrs Hindelong will try to accommodate requests as much as possible.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Next meeting:

**Wednesday, May 11th@5pm