



**DRAFT Minutes OF ZOOM MEETING on 4/7/2020 - TO BE ADOPTED**  
**NYC Museum School**  
**School Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Wednesday 4/7/2021, 5pm**

**Team Attendance on 4/7/2021:**

**Mandatory Members**

- Daisy Fontanez, Principal
- ✓ 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:**

- ✓ Joel Lowy (in representation of Daisy Fontanez)



### **Call to Order**

Ramona Abrahams called the meeting to order at 5:04pm

### **Approval of minutes from meeting of March 10th 2021**

Minutes from March 10th were adopted without correction.

### **Principal Update (by Joel Lowy) :**

*Update on "Connectors" for Grades 9-12:* One teacher of each grade will be a connector. The teachers that have been chosen all teach an entire grade or most of it. They will host check-ins once a week during their regular class to talk about the well being of students and issues that have come up. The connector teachers are:

Ms. Carr - grade 9

Ms. DeStefano - grade 10

Ms. Siegelberg - grade 11

Ms. Hachikian - grade 12

*NX update:* Every marking period after grades are given Teachers create resolution assignments to allow students to make up for missed grades. It is a rescue for students to get a passing grade for the marking period. It is important to remember that not every NX of a marking period needs to be resolved. Some students are improving throughout the year and get passing grades. The only grade that students carry with them to the next year is an NX at the end of the year.

### *Honor Roll Update:*

**243** students were on the Honor roll of the 4th marking period. To boost the energy of the students, the requirements have been changed. Students now only have to have an average of 90 or higher. Before they additionally needed to have an 85 or above in each subject, however this has been waived now

### *Hero Squad Community Service Fundraising Project*

This year it is for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLC). Usually it is a spare change drive. However because of the circumstances it is now all virtual fundraising. School has made it also a community service challenge. For every \$10 raised, students get one community hour. The goal is \$2021, so far \$1900 have been raised and there are 2 more weeks to go.

### *Update on opt in period and in Person teacher update:*

In person teacher update: same as before. Dep of Ed and UFT allow for changes, at this point only one teacher has made arrangements to change to in person.

Opt in deadline has been extended until April 9th. However now students can also revert to



fully remote. The DOE wants accurate numbers of students in school so that schools can plan better in person schooling.

If a student has not shown up, although the student has opted in for blended learning, Parents will be contacted and asked for a definite return date. The goal is to have a better sense of the number of students in blended learning by the week of 19th.

#### *Admissions and College update*

Admission process is underway. School has submitted its criteria to the Office of Enrollment, which is doing the ranking at the moment. School expects double the application than usual because no longer district 2

College update: 3 seniors got into Cornell.

#### *Progress on Graduation:*

Dep of Ed gave green light for schools to host outdoor graduation. School has a permit for June 26th to close the street, and will set up the yard beautifully. Will be teilt in 2 groups of about 200 people. Professional company has been contracted to create a great experience. School is looking to make this an amazing experience.

#### **Student Government update:**

Spirit days went very well. Kahoot was good. Students created their own questions in different categories, so that there was something for everyone.

#### **PTA Executive board update**

PTA is starting the election process for next election.

Water Bottle fillers have been purchased and delivered, working on getting them installed

Communication with Lab high school PTA about hte LMU teams to strengthen connection of team members from both schools.

Community building is planning an event, next meeting tomorrow.

#### **Other items raised:**

*School Store:* at the last PTA meeting it was confirmed that 54 items were sold. School also acquired some items to give out to students in need. In person sales are planned for the future, but not currently due to Corona

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5.46pm.

**Next meeting:** April 28th, 5pm