



Minutes OF ZOOM MEETING on 12/9/2020 - ADOPTED
NYC Museum School
School Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday 12/9/2020, 5pm

Team Attendance

Mandatory Members

- √ Daisy Fontanez, Principal Assigned Laura Hindelong (invited)
- √ 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
- √ Jonathan Rosario

Other Attendees:

Joel Lowy

Call to Order

Daisy Fontanez called the meeting to order at 5:00
Roll call.

Adoption of minutes from November Meeting:

Minutes were adopted without correction.



School budget update

Presented by AP Joel Lowy.

Special Education Register Loss is higher than expected this year. A certain discrepancy is expected every year as the school reduces ICT support of students as they move to higher grades, to help them become more independent and get ready for college. In addition, we didn't receive the number of special education scholars which was projected on our register.

Website Committee

Angela Skirianois moving forward with a new school website. The plan is to get the current page updated, start the process for the new one and then involve a team of parents, teachers and students.

Equity Committee:

Principal Fontanez ordered "Cultivating Genius" by Dr. Gholdy Muhammad, books for all. Once received, books will be distributed. The committee is action and results oriented and will meet at least twice a month after school. Principal Fontanez is currently scheduling suitable times.

Equity Team Committee Members: Joel Lowy, Laura Hindelong, Keyon Armstead, Daisy Fontanez, Brahna Siegelberg, Jessica DeStefano, Dawn Schum, Maiya Williams, and Ramona Abraham-Coley. We will schedule a date to have our first meeting in January.

High school Admissions and College Application Update:

- ***College Application update:*** 416 Applications sent out so far. Deadline January 1st . So far all is going well.
- ***Admission update:*** Great turnout at the open houses, the presentations went well and the school came across positively. Current students and parents were very positive. Several District 2 schools have now adopted the lottery system which will directly influence the admission to Museum School. There will now be even more District 2 students in the application pool. Museum school reputation has improved a lot, therefore people are moving the school higher up in their lists.
- ***Virtual visit of Superintendent:*** Superintendent Vivian Orlen and Chris Lagares attended a humanities (Ms. DeStefano & Ms. Wynn) and a math (Mr. Stein & Mr. Wolfson) module today. It was the first time they experienced the modules in action and they were impressed by both the rigor of instruction and the collaboration between students, teachers, and the administration team.

The Superintendent also viewed the data of incoming students and saw the



demographic shift in the recent years. There will be changes in the system, more details will be announced soon.

Remote learning:

- ***Technology Support for Teachers:*** It was proposed to look into ways of supporting teachers better in technology issues for remote learning to help those that struggle to get better adapted. Jamie Markovitz to check if google has opportunities.

Principal Fontanez will share all information about opportunities she receives with the teachers. If there is a good training opportunity, the PTA can maybe also support.

- ***Professional Development (PD) committee:*** Next step is to find out teachers needs and organize training opportunities.
- ***PD for Parents:*** It was proposed to also organize PD for parents in technology issues to help those with problems. The PTA will set up a plan.

Student clubs:

Funding of Student Clubs: Currently teachers get paid for per session, but not all work they do is compensated (only 2 sessions per month). PTA is currently fundraising to fill in the missing funding. Principal Fontanez to find out how much additional funding is needed.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13th at 5pm