

**ADOPTED at September 25, 2020 meeting
NYC Museum School
School Leadership Team Meeting
Friday, June 19, 2020, 12 noon**



**Notes of Meeting Via Zoom
Team Attendance on 6/19/20**

Mandatory Members:

- ✓ 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

Other Attendees:

Mark Rush
Joel Lowy
Julia Haselmayer
Jaclyn Kesler
Olga Lang
Alison Overholser
Ruth Perez
Sean Tanega
Cindy Hambro

Call to order

- Mauro Antognelli called the meeting to order at 12:02pm and announced that the meeting was being recorded.
- Roll call for attendance.
- Asked for questions to be held to the end of the meeting.

Approval of minutes from February, April, and May meetings

Minutes were adopted as presented.

Principal's report

Special guests introduced:

Mark Rush, Deputy Superintendent:

- Transitional period and uncertain times, but the goal is to finish year strong and reopen strong.
- District team is supporting school assistant principals Joel Lowy and Laura Hindelong.
- NYC Museum School is a great school. Room for growth around teacher voice. Empowered teacher teams are the engines of a school improvement, innovation and growth. Student voice is also very important. Goal to prioritize equity agenda at school. New environment feels more joyful. Lots of very invested people

Joel Lowy, Assistant Principal:

- Collaboration with district team is appreciated.
- Congratulation to the students and parents for a very unusual school year and special congratulations to the students and parents of the Class of 2020. Special thanks to Paula Singh, current SLT member and former PTA co-president. Thank you and congratulations.
- Rhonda Seinfeld, School Secretary is retiring this year. Congratulations and thank you.
- Work on plans for next year is an ongoing collaborative and equitable process including teachers and students
- Graduation will be held on Zoom on Thursday, June 25. All are welcome.
- Building walk-through will be hosted on Wednesday for anyone who can attend to help assess classroom space possibilities for distanced learning
- Today is Juneteenth. Opportunity to recommit to racial justice – will be included in listening circles today.

Committees report

Diversity Committee:

John LaLena, Gillian Sowell:

- Discussion of school admissions rubric and possibility of adding consideration of economic need. Admissions will be very changed in the fall because of lack of grades and test scores. Museum is a District 2 priority school that has traditionally drawn from outside D2.
- Mauro Antognelli: Requested additional information to help see the change in racial diversity over time.
- Beth Davies: Discussion of outreach, even within D2.
- Jamie Markovitz: if fairs are virtual, online communication would be asset. Ms. Skirianos' social media is very strong platform for outreach.
- Discussion of promotion on social media, having current parents promote to their middle schools.
- Joel Lowy: School is in conversation with enrollment about diversity and recruitment.

Partnerships --

Museums/institutions:

- Mauro Antognelli: partnerships that we can have to strengthen ties and reduce costs, e.g., American Museum of Natural History.
- Beth Davies: In current climate, institutions are developing online modules. Parents can help assess museum online capacity for teachers to find strongest ones for partnership.
- Coordination important so info is organized for teachers.

Corporations:

- Financial and educational partnerships possible. What works best for teachers.
- Jamie Markovitz: NYC Museum School has been officially accepted as a Google Partner. Coordination with Mr. Lowy. Upcoming July workshop. Everfi finance workshop opportunity has been circulated – good group active at Morgan Stanley.
- Amazon partnership in the works (Associate program). Possible role of Amazon wishlists for teacher supply needs.
- Shopping initiatives with Fairway and others.

Educational

- Mauro Antognelli: Has been directly involved with a free NYCares SAT prep program held on Saturday mornings at the Quest to Learn HS on 18th Street. NYC Museum students were given access, options for both juniors and sophomores.
- Financial literacy, two modules were presented to seniors.
- Hope for further exploration of how graduated seniors can be supported, especially in summer after graduation and in first year of college.

Old Business:

Homework policy topic.

- Communication between teachers and students is even stronger now. Google Classroom use is evolving

[Mark Rush left the meeting]

CEP Goal progress. Quantifying progress on old goals, Joel Lowy:

- Regents Advanced Diploma was earned by 88 of 113 students. That is higher number. May be a goal again for 20-21, some of whom repeated exams to earn a higher score.
- AP Classes: School offers 10 AP Classes and will expand the number of sections for some of them next year.
- Collaborative & Trusting Relationships. Some of events not held for all metrics. Communication and outreach. Multilingual can always be expanded.
- Attendance was high this year. Engaged students – attendance above 80% at the moment even with no new work being given.
- Goal of assessing IEPs to appropriately update them during four year.

- Discussion of timing of CEP goals for 2020-2021 – timing still being revised

New Business:

- Budget: Budget cuts are anticipated for upcoming year. 2020-2021 budget not out yet. Already budget cut of 3% is projected across system. Hopeful that Museum will have no staff cuts. Title I last year was 2019-2020. Income forms will be collected in the fall. Impact of Covid-19 may change income levels and bring Title I funding back to school in 2021-2022

Thinking toward the fall:

- Mauro Antognelli – call for additional thoughts
- Gillian Sowell, for CEP goals for 2020-2021 have opportunity to take into account new leadership situation vs. rolling over old goals.
- Joel Lowy: The positive consequences of this moment will be retained. Closeness of the community and teachers brought together -- all are committed to continuing this. Looking forward to retaining this energy of collaborative relationships for the fall.

Floor opened for Q&A

- No questions from observers.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm

Meeting Notes submitted by Gillian Sowell