

SLT Notes: 10 1 2024

Location: Principal Robert Bender's Office

In Attendance:

Robert Bender (Principal)

Courtney Kapes Lewis (PTA-designate, Chair and Parent)

Jeffrey Gardner (Parent)

Chad Sandifer (Parent)

Laura Tagliareni (Co-Secretary and Parent)

John Swierczewski (UFT Chapter Chair Designee, Co-Secretary and Teacher)

Samantha Labombarda (Teacher)

Robert Simmons (Teacher)

Jackie Zarzowski (Teacher)

Navya Singh (Parent)

Absent: Debbie Osborne (CBO representative)

1. Admin:

- i. Introduction of new member- Welcome Navya Singh (parent).
- ii. Chair Absence- 11/12

2. Approval of Minutes. Approved

3. Standing Business:

- a. Family engagement and support
 - i. Book Club: Courtney contacted Penguin Random House and will likely obtain copies of The Anxious Generation. Agreed on 30 copies.
 - ii. Discussed hosting another math workshop for parents and potentially an ELA one given the new Wit & Wisdom curriculum.
- b. Community Engagement: Discussed activities around town. Executive board will speak with PTA about posting free activities in the community on the website (e.g., NYC ID)
- c. Physical and Mental health and safety (the chair sent out a response to proposal- swim classes will remain in place for gym)
- d. Culture & Equity
 - i. Student Council – 1 rep from each class is voted for by the students and 1 elected by teacher.
 - ii. Cultural months: We will be adding Arabic heritage month and Jewish American heritage month. A new calendar will go out to reflect these additions.
- e. Curriculum:

i. PS 11math state tests score were high. The language of the curriculum seems to be more aligned with the format of the test, which has been helpful for our students.

ii. Middle School – new policy: you can apply to any school in the city. Preference given in district. Lottery remains in place.

f. SLT enrichment proposals - none came in.

4. **Word on the Street:** Discussion on inclusion- bring to PTA- reminder for all parents to ensure everyone is included for grade wide events (e.g., parents organizing a Halloween party in the park outside of school hours. There should never be an event only for the two G&T classes. The entire grade should be invited)

5. **Comprehensive Education Plan:** Results from state tests for 23-24: Math high scores. ELA 0.4% less but remained high.

6. **New Business:**

i. Free Parent workshops: to be organized by Laura and Chad. PALS to provide free workshops (lunch hour). Topics discussed: stress management, collaborative problem solving, anxiety, executive functioning (two age groups younger (separation) and older (independence for transitions). Screen time. Include practical strategies for families.

ii. Chad introduced brining AI to school:

i. Handwashing AI – to join a grade as part of HIV curriculum and/or assembly.

ii. Liberty science center- live from Surgery program at Liberty Science Center that may support your exploration of the heart. potential field trip related to science/ELA lessons on the heart/circulatory system.

iii. In class hologram – Chad will share