

Date: February 8, 2022

Time: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Participants: Donny Lopez (Principal), Samantha Seigel (Chair, staff), Kelly Aherne (UFT rep), Therese Mai (PTA President), Matthew Goodwin (staff), Nathalie Roussel (staff), Allyce Fucigna (staff), Cyrus Boquin (parent), Yael Strulovici Barel (parent)

Meetings Prepared by: Yael Strulovici Barel

5:05 PM - Call to Order and Introductions

- **Corrections to last month's SLT Minutes**
 - Yael to correct Samantha Seigel's and Therese Mai's misspelled names, Yael to correct approach to ask Victor Lin (CEC3 school liaison) for help with projected low enrollment – instead of discussing this with Victor during the PTA meeting, Victor will be contacted directly by email
- **Principal's report**
 - **Promotions in doubt (PID)**
 - Letters were sent out to families of students; Many letters were sent to families of color, which adds another label to these students; the school acknowledges that grades do not take into account the students' efforts, desire and motivation to learn
 - **Reso 8 grant**
 - Used to pay for new laptops for teachers
 - Used to pay for installation of new promethium boards in all classes, installation will take place during the winter break
 - **State exams**
 - PS163 is not a state prep school so regular learning will not switch to state exam prep, instead, the format of the exam will be taught during class: extended responses, multiple choice strategies etc.
 - Exam sophistication will start February 16th, 1 teacher/ grade will teach up to 15 students a few hours a week, the students are from the teacher's class + other students from the grade who need extra help before the exam, letters were sent out to these students
 - **Recovery grant**
 - Out of \$90k, \$50k were already used on: school-wide learning software, including IXL, Razkids, reading A to Z, Brain Pop (teachers will get access codes and distribute to students during February); art and music supplies, general supplies (notebooks etc.); new laptops for the cluster teachers; pay substitute teachers to take part in a lunch buddies program, small study groups etc.
 - No formal announcement about this grant was made to the teachers
 - Ideas on how to use the remainder \$40k should be sent to Mr. Lopez, money can be used on school supplies, outside programs approved by the DOE, pay teachers for afternoon classes and supplies (any new class will

take time to be approved, therefore projected start time of a new program is May or June 2022)

- Suggested ideas on using the left over money: afterschool DL club, new books for individual classrooms or specifically new diversity books (Mr. Lopez said there are enough new books in the library to be used by the entire school, there are racks with old books in the basement teachers need to be reminded of and there are 2 racks with books outside the library with diversity books), paying teachers to scan these books into the library so all students can enjoy them (Mr. Lopez said it is not easy scanning books into the library, teachers will rotate taking these books and distributing them to their classroom), project based learning, dance classes, chess classes
- **SLT**
 - All SLT members need to sign a form stating they discussed the school CEP goals, Pauline will have a copy in the office, it will also be scanned and sent to all members as PDF
 - All SLT members are required to fill out a survey sent to them by email about their experience as part of the SLT
- **School budget**
 - Pre-k budget: \$13k to be evenly divided between the 2 classes
 - Mr. Ruez, a former school aid, should be removed from the school budget
 - Other teachers who are on leave need to be removed from the budget
- **PTA report**
 - **Fundraising**
 - Grand opening of the school merchandise online store, new items will be added over time, including adult apparel
 - Catalog sale is ongoing
 - Count on Me campaign is ongoing
 - Online auction will start in March, letters asking for donations will be sent home, will activities with teachers be added to the auction??
 - Rummage sale will take place in May
 - **Miscellaneous**
 - Readathon will launch in February with prizes to the top readers
 - Graduation pictures and staff pictures will be taken May 6th
 - PenPal program with PS75 will launch after winter break

6:00 PM Meeting close

NEXT MEETING: March 8 (4:30 PM-6:30 PM)