The Lillian Weber School PS 84M



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School Leadership Team Meeting Agenda – November 14, 2024

Members Present: E. Hernandez, L. West, C. Sandrini-Cooke, A. Graham, C. McAndrews, R. Rivas, L. Garnier, J. Raskin, D. Lara, L. Maruska, A. Oyo, E. Lolis, J. Vidals, M. Balz

I. Call to Order

II. Greetings/Announcements

- We are ONE Team!
 - -We all have a chance to speak and be heard- we can unmute as needed
 - -can add agenda items for next meeting at the end, or email as items may come up between meetings
- DOE SLT page- provide insight into the role SLT members, shared decision making is key in making the school community stronger (https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/school-leadership-team)
- SLTs:
 - Provide ongoing evaluations of a school's educational programs and their impact on student achievement.
 - Play an important role in school-based decision-making
 - Help to make school cultures more collaborative

III. Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes

-Members approve minutes from October

IV. Reports:

- Principal's Report
 - o SY 2025-2026 Class Size Reduction Implementation Planning
 - -Class size reduction plan: if we don't receive funding, classes will be over the class size limits of 20 and 23 (dependent on grade level); this would put as at a minimum of 72% compliance for this class size policy
 - -submitted in December for feedback by February, so we can work on draft together to finalize
 - We also have to consider space/physical rooms for additional classes, take into account attrition
 - -Can check in via email before next meeting and get input and revisist final draft next meeting
 - o FAQs
- PTA Report



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- Since the events mentioned last minute, the attention to fundraising is focused on Family Giving Campaign- all PTA members working together to spearheads this and make our needs known
- Communicating the need and collecting over roughly the next two months- need help communicating the need and benefit to families that are moving on from the school
- o Pre-K Bake Sale was a success- raised a good amount of money
- o District SLT Training is coming, will send link when the date is known
- After School Report
 - o Joni couldn't make it this week, will update next meeting

V. Discussion of Unfinished Business Agenda Items

- Annual Review of PS84's Mission Statement
 - Current Mission statement
 - "The Lillian Weber School strives to provide equity and access for all learners. We give our students the necessary tools to develop critical thinking skills, a strong work ethic, and the sense of identity and responsibility that are crucial to creativity and independence in their quest for learning. PS 84 offers students a deep and complex understanding of the world, and teaches them to be respectful and curious about diverse cultures and the planet we share."
 - Revised Mission Statement for approval Approved
 - The Lillian Weber School is dedicated to fostering equity and access for all learners within a collaborative community. We empower our students with the tools they need to develop critical thinking skills, a strong work ethic, and a sense of identity and responsibility. By emphasizing teamwork and respect for diverse cultures, we encourage our students to engage with one another and explore the complexities of our world together. At PS 84, our community cultivates curiosity and interconnectedness, nurturing a shared commitment to creativity and collective growth as we learn about and care for the planet we all share as global citizens.
 - SLT Members approve the revisions- need to replace current postings, create a list of where this lives, so when it needs to be updated, we have this information

VI. Discussion of New Business Agenda

- Student/Parent Handbook
 - Draft of Communication Policy- consolidated into this document, need to make sure everyone has access and sees this- how do we ensure this happens?

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- This is important in mitigating potential issues around negative or unproductive communication
- Suggestions to look at this policy as beyond a What's App, but the beginning is framed more generally
- Ideas around calling "Whatsapp" guidelines a policy, as it is a voluntary group and not used on a school platform
- Parents get lots of information about the school and district, but want more information about what's happening in the classroom, so some may not receive this as intended
- Two separate communication issues- the issue of positive communication and communication overall (between parents and teachers)
- Best practices for communication between teachers and parents
- Bloomz app adjustments- sending out at beginning or end of day, and only sending relevant information
- Save draft letter for instances where it is needed and use as an addendum in the Handbook for next year, but for this year a reminder is needed
- Draft of Budget Fundraising Letter
 - o need to revise to include how we are currently dealing with this shortfall
 - o define what CSMA is Computer Science Media Arts
 - read documents beforehand to streamline the process and use our time effectively and efficiently
 - o everyone can add comments so we can send it out and vote on letter by next week
- Class Size Reduction Proposal Covered at beginning of meeting

VII. Creation of Agenda for the Next Meeting

- a. Takeaways
- b. Next steps

VIII. Adjournment