

The Steinway School for Future Community Leaders, P.S. 84Q
22-45 41st Street, Astoria, N.Y. 11105

School Leadership Team Minutes (Virtual)

Meeting: July 16, 2020 Noon

Attendance: Principal, John Buffa; Assistant Principal, Dominic Armano; UFT Chairperson, Lorraine Masciarelli; Teacher, Michael Lynch; Teacher Maryann Mazzoli; Teacher, Maria Schwab; Parent, Dina Amer; Parent, Ilva Bosch-Costa; Parent, Jaisey Diep

Agenda Items:

1. 2020/2021 Blended Learning Model

The chancellor held meetings about the different models for a safe and feasible way to open school. The chancellor stressed flexibility and patience. Mr. Buffa wanted to thank our community for realizing the tremendous task that was given to collectively come up with a strong plan for reopening. Different models were available. Mr. Buffa said that the plan most suited to us as well as recommended by the chancellor and open safely adhering to CDC guidelines is A B C. A staff meeting will follow this meeting. There will be a parent contingency on Tuesday to share the plan as well. Mr. Armano discussed and presented a slide show about the A B C model. The C group will be one-hundred percent fully remote. Parents have the option for their children to attend school fully remote. Parents can choose to send their child fully remote at any time but can only come back to school quarterly. Cohorts A and B will go to school in the blended model. Blended learning education is a style of education where students learn via electronic online media and face to face teaching. The learning platforms for the A B students will be face to face as well as the iLearn online platform. The iLearn platform is a continuation of Google classroom. The schools' responsibility is to figure out what level the students are on. We have that information. We are looping with our students so teachers know what level they were on when they left off. It is the same teacher with the same inclusive curriculum with on-line digital resources. Students will have on-line access to the curriculum. Room number capacity are the following: Room 102- 10-13 students, 106- 9-12 students, 112- 14-18 students, 203- 10-13 students, 206- 9-12 students, 210- 10-13 students, 301- 10-13 students, 103- 10-13 students, 108- 11-14 students, 201- 10-12 students, 205- 9-12 students, 208- 9-12 students, 212- 9-12 students, 303- 10-13 students. We are using data to estimate one-hundred percent of the students are in school. Classroom relocation will take place. All decisions will be based on data. Classroom 104 is anticipated for the third kindergarten classroom. Room 202 has the capacity of 10-13 students. The hydroponic lab can have 14-18 students. The computer lab 10-13 students. The library 14-15 students. The cafeteria has two sides. One side can be used as a classroom. The multipurpose room may need to be designated as an assembly area. Classes will need to be moved for relocation if there is a new admit, classroom cleaning, etc. Basically, no

classroom is permanent. Teachers will have a 'Go bag.' Based on the data right now, there will be 'Grab and go' breakfast and no assembly in the cafeteria. Clusters will push into classrooms to limit student traffic in the hallways. Mr. Buffa said that the power point will be posted on teams for the staff and live streamed on Swag TV. Mr. Buffa explained there are a lot of unknowns at this point. We are awaiting further guidance. That's where the chancellor's patience and flexibility come in. As we move closer to opening, we will share information as we get it. We want the best conclusions and outcomes for children. Within the next couple of weeks, we will meet again.

Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Masciarelli