

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

School Leadership Team Minutes (Virtual)

Meeting: June 10, 2020 Noon

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

Agenda Items:

1. Remote Learning Survey Results

About fifty parents responded to the survey. The data demonstrates that parents are pleased with the education their children have received. The amount of work students received needed adjustments after the initial rollout of remote learning. Now the amount of work is just right. Teachers continue to differentiate the curriculum to meet students' needs on a case by case basis.

2. Remuneration Forms

In order to receive your stipend for your SLT working hours, send your remuneration forms to Marie LoCastro. You can receive up to thirty hours for your time. Please back up the documentation with an attachment.

3. SLT Evaluation Form to Superintendent

Mr. Buffa will find out if there will still be forms for this year.

4. Graduation

There is no live graduation for the graduates. The fifth graders have done a great job and were resilient. They deserve a celebration. To honor the children, the school is doing the following: 1. Social media campaign- Starting today, the P.S.84 social media will highlight four graduates every day until the graduation ceremony. 2. Celebration posters- posters of each student were attached on the gates around the front of the school. Stinger (the school mascot) was in full costume to add to the celebration. 3. Virtual graduation day- Four videos will be aired on 'Swag TV.' There will be a video speech from Dr. Composto and politicians. These are great ways to honor our graduates.

5. Reorganization

To minimize the trauma and disruption to students and their families, teachers will loop with their current classes. Mr. Buffa thanked all of the teachers for being so adaptable and flexible.

6. Parent Workshops

There are many workshops being offered by the district for families on how to help their children. Ms. Achilles and Ashley from Thrive NYC just had a parent workshop for families on relaxation exercises and how to reduce stress and trauma. There is also a NYC Kids Rise workshop tonight. NY Edge is still servicing students and providing workshops as well.

7. DOE Culturally Responsive Lessons and Resource Materials (to support school communities during Black Lives Matter anti-discrimination protests)

We are a very diverse school. 'We are many, we are one.' We don't have polarization and bad feelings in our school. We ensure the curriculum is responsive and sensitive to different peoples' points of view. We must understand different perspectives. We are teaching students how to be productive citizens and work with all cultural groups to make a better society for all. We are always doing what is in the best interest of children. Sanford Harmony addresses a lot of these issues to make students feel safe and treated equally inside and outside of school. Our school supports equity and excellence throughout the school for students and their families.

8. CEP Update

Since we are unable to assess and evaluate our current goals, the CEP goals will be the same but deepened further for next year. Mr. Buffa is awaiting further guidance on whether or not the state will be rating schools on chronic absenteeism. Small schools like 84 are greatly impacted statistically by our small numbers.

Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Masciarelli