

## **School Leadership Team Meeting (Virtual)**

**Friday May 1, 2020 - NOON**

**Present:** Principal John Buffa; Assistant Principal Dominic Armano; UFT delegate/representative Karen Phillips; teachers: Michael Lynch, Maryann Mazzoli, Maria Schwab; parents: Dina Amer, Ilva Bosch Costa, Jaisey Diep, Daniela Vitolo.

**Principal John Buffa** opened the meeting:

\*Steinway Elementary school is up and running (virtually), all are safe and accounted for. A lot of outreach in the school community was done – DOJO, e-mail (Andrea’s e-mail distribution list, social media, P.S. 84Q.com (website), twitter, Instagram, and our new SWAG TV.

\*Our students are kept engaged – BUT the social/emotional health of the students is MOST important.

\*Information is being disseminated re: workshops and other interests for parents.

\*Parent Survey – to gather information about what IS working and what ISN’T working.

\*There are several remote platforms; GOOGLE CLASSROOM is one of them (and the one we are using). We have been asked to NOT use ZOOM with students.

\*Parent/Teacher conferences in May – (date moved via SBO to May 26<sup>th</sup>) – maybe a virtual “Talent Show”? A celebration from us? Reach out to all (students, parents, staff) for ideas so all are heard.

\*Governor Cuomo has announced that schools will be closed until June 26, 2020. NYC schools are being sanitized twice per week; in summer there will be a deep cleaning.

\*Grade 5 and Pre-K Moving-up Ceremonies: NYC KidsRise may be hosting something for kindergarten. During the Principal’s conference Dr. Composto had said that there may be virtual celebrations of students. We should brainstorm on possibilities as to what we can do.

**Mr. Buffa** then asked to hear from parents:

**Mrs. Bosch Costa** praised the work of Ms Scarpa and MS Cleghorn with the use of class meetings – students enjoy “seeing” each other.

**Mr. Buffa** - wants to do “fun” things for the kids.

**Mrs. Diep** praised all teachers, (“doing a great job”), “just right: amount of work for the kids” (her children work from 9 – noon).

**Mrs. Vitolo** – has children in 4 different schools, praised P.S. 84 as “the best” (Danica chimed in agreeing) – “project-based learning is the way to go!”.

**Assistant Principal Dominic Armano** – the P.S. 84 team is doing a phenomenal job with remote learning. We had a lot of initiatives going before March 16<sup>th</sup> – and we will keep the momentum going!

\*We have SWAG TV on YouTube!

\*We launched a new mascot - STINGER (and a mascot costume!) - and we will give “STINGER stats” on SWAG TV.

\*Video created with messages from all teachers [“we miss you”; “stay strong”; “we’ll be together soon”; etc]

\*We have gotten “shout-outs” for this video on News12 (LI meteorologist); District 30 highlights; NY1.

**Mrs. Vitolo** – regarding Parent/Teacher conferences, perhaps we could do a multi-cultural festival, show off “personal culture”.

**Mr. Lynch** – re: “moving up” for 5<sup>th</sup> grade – highlight one or two students each day (SWAG TV? Website?), beginning in mid-May, then create a montage of all the students. Everyone was enthusiastic about this idea. Mr. Armano will discuss with 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.

**Mrs. Amer** – perhaps give 5<sup>th</sup> graders some sort of memorabilia? All agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Schwab