

School Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 3-4:30 pm

Agenda + Minutes

Members	New Members/Non-Voting Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joanna Cohen, Principal• Davina Benaderet/Cynthia Thaler, PTA Co-Presidents• Laurie Tamis, Parent• Caitlin Gallagher, Parent• Jill Davitt, Parent• Tali Horowitz, Parent• Marissa Bateman, Teacher• Tamara Chebar, Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• n/a

- Welcome (3-3:15 pm)
 - Two Truths and a Lie (yes!)
- Update on Traffic Safety Walkthrough (3:15-3:30 pm)
 - Bobby Carroll, Shahana Hanif, BKDOT Commissioner Keith Bray, Cynthia, 2 NYPD Youth Coordination officers, Joanna and Rina all present for the meeting.
 - Observed dropoff and traffic, double parking, etc. Walked to 12 and then down to 15th. There is currently a mobile speed camera on 15th and 8th ave gathering info to determine if we qualify for a permanent speed camera.
 - Discussed installation of leading pedestrian interval on 8th avenue cameras at 13th and 14th. 8th Ave lights are timed - if you drive the speed limit you will hit light after light.
 - Discussed installation of speed bumps at corners.
 - Discussed possible designated loading zones to prevent double parking.
 - DOT commissioner mentioned possibly reducing the speed limit at the school (8th ave).
 - Joanna to follow up on timeframe for plan of action.
- Recess Coaches/Playground (3:30-4 pm)
 - What is the purpose of recess coaches?
 - Usually an outside entity that brings more structure to recess.
 - Parents and teachers seem interested in pursuing as long as the funds don't take away from other items that would be deemed more important/essential.
 - Possibly get the older grades involved in "mentoring" the younger grades at recess.
 - Read [an article](#) about a study on recess coaching (here is another [brief article](#) that summarizes a more recent study on the impact of recess coaches)
 - Discussion
 - Next steps
 - Playground Resurfacing
 - Options for surface materials: poured rubber, astroturf
 - Joanna to send plan to Jill. Jill to make some calls and try to get more information on the options.
- CEP Planning for 2023-24 (4-4:05 pm)

- Develop ELA, Math, SEL, and IEP-related goals
- Other School Updates (4:05-4:20 pm)
 - Morning Reading Academy
 - Digital Citizenship Month
 - Tiny Scientist - grant application

- Upcoming Meetings
 - April 19, 2023,
 - May 17, 2023
 - June 21, 2023