

School Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 3-5:30 pm

Agenda + Minutes

Members	Non-Voting Members	Absent/Non-Attendance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joanna Cohen, Principal ● Mike Lew, PTA Co-President ● Leah Holzer, Parent ● Rika Wilcox, Parent ● Jill Davitt, Parent ● Marissa Bateman, Teacher ● Gary Proulx, Teacher ● Michele Dente, Teacher ● Gary DiFranco, UFT Co-Chapter Leader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kelly Mirian, PSACC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rashad St Edwards, Staff ● Tali Horowitz, Parent ● Cynthia Thaler, PTA Co-President ● Peg Galella, UFT Co-Chapter Leader

- Meet + Greet (15 minutes)
- Revising our [Bylaws](#)
 - Read the by-laws (7 minutes)
 - Propose changes (5 minutes)
- Major School Updates
 - Budget Updates (10 minutes)
 - We are fully funded, but our budget is very, very tight
 - We have no additional funds for supplies
 - We have 448 substitute days (approx 12 days per teacher)
 - We spent a tremendous amount of money purchasing new curriculum (~\$60,000)
 - How can we get additional supplies dollars?
 - Grants: search [results](#)
 - Register Updates (5 minutes)
 - Current enrollment: 499 (without PreK)
 - Kindergarten: 96
 - 1st Grade: 97 *
 - 2nd Grade: 90
 - 3rd Grade: 71
 - 4th Grade: 75
 - 5th Grade: 70
 - [Info on the class size law](#)
 - Literacy Curriculum (10 minutes)
 - [Scarborough's Reading Rope](#)
 - [Recipe for Reading](#)
 - [Wit + Wisdom](#)
 - Science Teacher (5 minutes)
 - Full-time Science teacher, Crystal Barnes!
 - Former classroom teacher with a passion for Science
 - 2nd grade has Science 1x/week
 - 3rd-5th grades have Science 2x/week
 - Recess Coaches (5 minutes)

- [Asphalt Green Recess Enhancement Program \(REP\)](#)
 - Coach Destiny with us Monday-Thursday, all recess periods
- Next Steps
 - Vote on PSACC seat - unanimously approved
- Adjournment
- Next Meeting: **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

RECORDER MINUTES

3:00-3:15 - [meet & greet] paired up and intro'd each other

3:15-3:30 - [read bylaws]

3:30-3:45 [made minor suggested adjustments to bylaws and will formally approve next meeting.] Noted that Ms Joanna uploads the minutes for public consumption. Jill Davitt soft-floated the possibility of becoming co-chair (stay tuned). Team agreed to shift from an annual recorder role to a top-of-meeting volunteer basis.

3:45-4:10 [discussed budget] This year, to implement the new reading curriculum we spent an usual amount on curriculum. As an offshoot of that discussion: parents please spread the word to be patient and bear with us as this is a brand-new system and the faculty's still learning it.

We also need funding for school supplies. Gary Di Franco volunteered to look at grants on this.

4:10-4:20 [discussed register] Note that our current grade 1-5 max class size is 32 kids/rm but within ~5 yrs a new mandate will be 23 kids/rm. Will need to figure out how to address this given our physical plant.

4:20-4:25 [curriculum updates] RE curriculum night the faculty's requesting cameras on during the Zoom (just so it feels like we're all interacting). Mike Lew will ask PTA Comms and/or Nadia to send out a message about this during the general reminder for curriculum night.

4:30 - [recess coach] note to parents that participating with the new recess coach is optional

4:30: Kelly voted in for PSACC rep by unanimous vote