

Manhattan School for Children PS 333
School Leadership Team – November 2016 Meeting
Wednesday, 12-07-16, 3:15-4:45pm in Room 519

Name	Representation
Claire Lowenstein	Principal
Brad Rothschild	Co-PA President
Stephanie Douglas	UFT Representative
Nicki Peters	Teacher
Jessica Han	Teacher
Elizabeth Rivera	Teacher
Susan Gargiulo	Parent Rep (6 – 8 th grades)
Kavita Singh Gilchrist	Parent Rep (All grades)
Liz McGrath	Parent Rep (3-5 th grades)
Maxine Witherspoon	Parent Coordinator/ Observer
Lorraine Philips	School Aide/Observer

1. Welcome
 - A. Overview of today’s agenda
2. Old Business
 - A. Middle School Daytime Walking Tour was a big success! Chats with Claire, statistics of high school acceptance, and different open houses and tours have been huge factors in students staying for middle school.
 - B. Relative and Special Friends Day was also a huge success
3. Principal’s Report
 - A. There have been new regulations set for SLT meetings. Meetings are now completely open to the public and media. Rules for “observers” must be followed closely within the regulations of bylaws.
 - B. Closed meetings are only allowed if confidential information pertaining specific students are discussed.
4. PA’s Report
 - A. Due to recent incidents involving some of our middle school students, an anti-bullying committee was formed including both parent and staff representation
 - B. During 8th grade breakfast this year, school is considering to bring up this incident in conversation and have the affected families speak about it as well
 - C. Anti-bullying program is being considered for middle school for the next couple of years, that includes curriculum that would be addressed in advisory (working out how to fund the cost of the program)
 - D. In later years as this gets developed, hoping to bring this program down to lower grades as well

- E. Also looking into “Staying Safe Online”; “Teaching Tolerance” curriculum that teachers have started to work on and compile resources for; also, Kavita and a group of parents working on “Talking Circles” and also school visits to other schools in the district to get another perspective on schooling
- 5. New Business
 - A. Recap of last year’s Parent Curriculum Workshop Night:
 - a. About 90 families came
 - b. Outside guest speaker came to start the evening
 - c. Practical sessions with curriculum documents that are on the SLT page that families not in attendance can access
 - B. Planning for this year’s workshop:
 - a. Send out a survey asking families what they want to hear/learn about from the workshop
 - b. Tentative date and time: Wednesday, February 8th from 6:00-7:30pm
 - c. Last year, families requested a workshop on science; looking into adding a workshop on science and social studies
 - d. Thinking about shortening the workshop night to just one hour from 6:00-7:00 and getting rid of the guest speaker
 - e. Claire will reach out to teachers who participated last year to gauge interest/availability to participate again this year
 - C. School Survey committee will be created after the winter break
 - D. Welcome MSC event will be repeated again this year in May
- 6. Meeting Wrap-Up
 - A. Staff Appreciation night is next Thursday, 5-7pm
 - B. Next Meeting: January 4th, 2017