

Manhattan School for Children PS 333 School Leadership Team
Meeting: Wednesday, 09-20-17
3:15-4:45pm Room 519

Name	Representation
Claire Lowenstein	Principal
Abbey Nova	Co-PA President
Raphael Tomkin	UFT Representative
Lynn Parr	Teacher
Stephanie Bush	Teacher
Hilary Kaden	Teacher
Madelene Geswaldo	Teacher
Liz McGrath	Parent Rep (3-5 th grades)
Kate Liebman	Did not attend. Parent Rep (6-8 th grades)
Kay Cohen	Parent Rep (All grades)
Shawn Chin-Chance	Parent Rep (K-2 grades)

1. Welcome

- A. Established Leadership Roles by consensus
 - Co-Chairpersons: Liz McGrath & Shawn Chin-Chance
 - Secretary: Kay Cohen
 - Time Keeper: Raphael Tomkin

- B. Reviewed SLT By-Laws, both DOE specific and MSC specific

- C. Claire shared that the bulk of responsibility of the SLT is to write and monitor the CEP and reminded members to review the SLT page on the school's website

2. Principal's Report

- A. Update on beginning the school year
 - 1. Ran smoothly
 - 2. Very pleased

- B. Update on construction in the yards
 - 1. too tight for all classes to play in the big yard
 - 2. opened little yard to K-6 students
 - 3. challenges include: no running allowed, equipment may not withstand weight of older children, student safety
 - 4. want to be certain all kids have access to play

- C. Introduced Wellness Policy (from Wellness Committee): important to implement a policy in order to support school focus on educating the whole child

3. PA Report

- A. smooth start to school
- B. PA here to help all families
- C. Questions have arisen in regards to Wellness Initiative: What is equitable?
- D. Motion to Table Wellness/Food policy
 - Do we want to prohibit certain items from school that are counter to suggestions from Wellness Committee?
- E. Established subcommittee to look at food/snack/equity & special days-eliminating food

4. Old Business

- A. Update on Anti Bias/Anti Bullying Program
 - 1. Border Crossers facilitated staff professional development
 - 2. teachers shared that the workshop:
 - was very heavy
 - didn't feel like a safe space
 - facilitators were condescending
 - used a political lense
 - was divisive
 - were one-sided & made assumptions about staff
 - didn't provide staff with enough tools
 - 3. Claire shared that she observed a mixed reaction: some paras and teachers felt good about being included in the conversation and thought it was a helpful workshop; it was uncomfortable at times
 - 4. Next Steps
 - have workshop for parents
 - need a funding source
 - needs to be systematic/layered approach
 - how do we create a culture of valued staff and support the growth of the whole child/support kids
 - is this a part of regular SLT meeting
 - part of CEP as part of socio-emotional learning

5. New Business

- A. Review of sections of CEP
- B. Tabled as two members left early

6. Agenda Setting for next SLT

- A. Approval of Minutes, CEP Discussion, Reports: Wellness subcommittee
- B. Next Meeting: October 4, 2017