

Manhattan School for Children PS 333 School Leadership Team October 2017
Meeting
Wednesday, 10-4-17
3:15-4:45pm Room 519

Name	Representation
Claire Lowenstein	Principal
Abbey Nova/Maura Duffy	Co-PA President
Raphael Tomkin	UFT Representative
Lynn Parr	Teacher
Stephanie Bush	Teacher
Hilary Kaden	Teacher
Madelene Geswaldo	Teacher-TBReplaced
Liz McGrath	Parent Rep (3-5 th grades)
Kate Liebman	Parent Rep (6-8th grades)
Kay Cohen	Parent Rep (All grades)
Shawn Chin-Chance	Parent Rep (K-2 grades)

1. Welcome

- A. Time Sheets
- B. SLT Orientation Wednesday 10-17 from 5:30-7:30; RSVP to DJ Sheppard

2. Principal's Report

- A. Erin Moughon-Smith, represents grades 6/7, will replace A. Madelene
- B. Snack Physical-Movement Committee continues to look into this
 - 1. No teacher/family push back on Special Days
 - 2. Special Days should be about the child
 - 3. Publishing Parties should be about the work
 - 4. Upcoming PTA/Chat with Claire will address food policy
 - 5. Suggested to have a community fruit/snack bowl in the classroom
- C. Nicky (7/8th grade) has gone into early labor: substitute teachers are scarce!
- D. Michele is attending a Bullying Workshop
 - 1. Hope to share with the community about: mindful parenting, empowering everyone, being aware, talking about "signs"
 - 2. There are advisers for upper grades and lower grades have morning meeting as a time to build trust and voice & share items/concerns
- E. Building is getting a shared community health clinic: Association to Benefit Children
 - 1. Clinic will be housed in the basement

3. PA Report

- A. Busy organizing
- B. Working with Wellness-Movement Committee on Snack Guidelines/Education

4. Old Business

A. CEP

1. Will be updated in February
2. CEP is a living, breathing document
3. Our task is to edit/add/update items throughout the year
4. Claire advised the team to read through it to understand what it is

B. Math: partnered with a Math Coach

1. Engage NY is scripted, fast paced but yields results: scores of 3/4 have increased by 10%
2. Donations--earmarked for inclusive practices, freed up money, which provided funds for coach
3. Grade leaders received math PD at PS 166

C. Literacy: partnered with Teachers College Inclusion Project, beginning with ICT classrooms

1. Best practices include providing access to curriculum by providing more entry points for student success
2. Goals to refine and strengthen current teaching models & practices
3. Paras and teachers meet on Mondays during PD time to collaborate

D. School Survey

1. Staff results on trust and effective leadership were not positive
2. Families are happy
3. Focus on improving staff -leadership partnerships

5. New Business

A. Review of Section V Goals of CEP

1. Discussion included:
 - Regents: MSC offers class for exposure; it is a choice for students & families
 - Science is hands-on, lab-based which matches MSC's philosophy
 - Students seem happy to choose this as not about the test: stressors are removed from learning
 - Experience Testing: Practice test taking skills
 - Teachers shared benchmarks
 - Writing components are lengthy and difficult
 - Family Engagement-teachers may offer a family workshop to "teach" families about a common learning practice, a skill, etc. to be discussed by teachers

6. Agenda Setting for next SLT

- A. Approval of Minutes; Continued CEP Review; Reports: Wellness subcommittee
- B. Next Meeting: November 1, 2017