

PS 185 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT)

January 11, 2024

SY 2023-2024

2:45 PM - 5:00 PM

In-Person

Members in Attendance: Rena Goudelias, Jamie Smerina, Kristin Railey, Joy Wrigley, Stefanie Megna, Lynette Roggenkamp, Michelle Magnus, Monique Eleftrakis, Lisa Nieves-Sherma, Christina Marasco

Observer - Jennifer Kruger

Guest Speakers - Maia Lynch & Theresa Kovary

Call To Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

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- Concerns over the noise level in the cafeteria
- Would like to consider coverings on walls to decrease the volume
- An informal test of decibel levels showed periods of unsafe levels ranging up to 95.8
- Parents would like to speak with the Wellness Committee and Student Council regarding a project to minimize the noise.

Principal's Report:

- Introduction of new Parent Coordinator - Jennifer Kruger
- Construction on 86th Street will lead to the closure of Exit 3. Dismissal procedures will be altered for some classes. We will have a fire drill once the exit is closed.
- Floors will be redone in many rooms, beginning on the fifth floor.
- Move to Improve Program - 85% of teachers are trained.
- Enrichment Programs - Applications were sent home for Round 2.
- CASA - The Intrepid Program, for the 4th grade, funded by Justin Brannan, began January 11th.
- Violin and Ukulele Programs, funded by Justin Brannan, will continue.
- Testing -
  - ELA - Grades 3 & 4 will take the paper version on April 11 & 12  
Grade 5 will take the online version on April 15 & 16
  - Math - Grades 3 & 4 will take the paper version on May 6 & 7  
Grade 5 will take the online version on May 9 & 10
  - Science - Grade 5 May 15

## Committee Reports

- Lower Grades - Jamie Smerina - Classes are utilizing the Rigby Readers and other HMH resources.
- Upper Grades - Stefanie Megna & Joy Wrigley  
Round One of PBL will begin on January 12
- Sp Ed - Kristin Railey - Parental questions regarding IEPs and services should be directed to the child's teacher.
- UFT - Kristin Railey - The Union is working to make sure the DOE honors the small class size initiative
  
- Parents  
Holiday Express was a success and will be continued next year.  
The Brain Show took place on January 12.  
Indoor Movie Night is being planned for a February date.  
Gala is under way for March 8th.  
Parents would like clarification of how reading levels are determined.

Adjournment - 5:00 PM

Next SLT Meeting: February 8th @ 2:45 PM in Room 202