

**P.S. 101Q The School in the Gardens**  
**SLT Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020**  
**4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

- 1) Principal's Update.
  - a) The new Superintendent is Dr. Tammy Pate.
    - i) Principal Paniagua met with her three times.
    - ii) In a week and a half, Dr. Pate visited every school in D28.
    - iii) Dr. Pate likes RULER, and wants to implement it district-wide.
      - (1) Only two schools in D28 do it currently.
  - b) The C-30 process for Ms. Giamadakis is finished.
    - i) SLT held the "Presentation of the Candidate" meeting, which is part of the process.
  - c) Principal Paniagua is on (at least) thirty-two different committees, which is a requirement.
  - d) Within eighteen months, 400-500 Principals and APs will retire.
  - e) COVID 19.
    - i) DOE asked school if it has a plan for positive cases; it does.
    - ii) DOE holds webinars with principals.
    - iii) DOE requires custodians do "deep-cleaning" 3 times per week, but PS 101 custodians do it daily.
    - iv) Some kids at PS 101 are in self-quarantine.
    - v) NY State requires daily reports.
    - vi) If a student or someone in the student's home is confirmed positive, the school needs to close for 24 hours.
      - (1) A team from the Centers for Disease Control then does contact-tracing, and will determine how long the school must remain closed.
- 2) P.A. Update
  - a) Nancy Llamas attended meeting on the prospective D28 Diversity Plan.
    - i) There will be school visits.
    - ii) Workshops will take place from mid-May to December.
    - iii) There will be six community engagement meetings.
    - iv) New parents are still being added to the panel.
  - b) General Meeting of P.A. next week.
    - i) The 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct will give a presentation on crime prevention and pedestrian safety.
    - ii) The school asked for crossing guards, and will get two.
  - c) At the last PA meeting, PALs gave a presentation and asked for certain equipment; the PA has purchased the equipment.
  - d) Yearbooks are on sale.
  - e) Participatory budgeting.
    - i) Trying to get on ballot for projects including water fountains and the playground.
  - f) Nominations for next year's Executive Board and SLT are being taken.
- 3) C.E.P. Update
  - a) After the February break, the school collected more benchmark data.
    - i) Schoolwide reading:
      - (1) 85% on or above grade level.

- ii) Schoolwide writing:
    - (1) 84% on or above grade level.
  - iii) Schoolwide math: 93% passed the math unit.
  - iv) Grades 3-5:
    - (1) Reading and writing combined: 82.5% on or above grade level.
    - (2) Math: 77% passed unit test.
  - v) These levels were higher than last year.
  - vi) The C.E.P. format will be changed.
    - (1) We will create goals after we see the new format.
- 4) Homework Discussion
- a) Homework must be:
    - i) tied to classwork
      - (1) math is already tied to classwork, but reading and writing sometimes diverge;
    - ii) meaningful,
    - iii) uniform,
    - iv) in context, not in isolation,
      - (1) e.g., not vocabulary words by themselves, but within larger framework;
    - v) differentiated.
  - b) Perhaps give out assignments in a weekly packet.
  - c) Perhaps for higher grades, offer more optional homework.
  - d) Building up stamina and discipline is an important consideration in terms of not cutting homework too much.
- 5) Budget
- a) Balance left for:
    - i) PreK
      - (1) \$1,586.00
  - b) NYSTL Hardware
    - i) \$218.00
  - c) NYSTL Textbooks
    - i) \$1,309.00
  - d) General Supplies
    - i) \$9,044.00
  - e) ELA/Math Support
    - i) \$2,301.00
  - f) General Supplies (again)
    - i) \$204.00
  - g) Parent Coordinator
    - i) \$228.00
  - h) SLT
    - i) \$3,000.00
- 6) Next meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.