

P.S. 101Q The School in the Gardens
SLT Minutes
Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

- 1) Principal's Update.
 - a) Yesterday, PS 101 was designated as a "New York State Recognition School."
 - i) This designation was formerly called "Rewards School."
 - ii) It means that the school performed well overall and within certain sub-groups.
 - iii) It is based on 2019 test scores.
 - iv) In the last three years, the school has been designated as a Rewards Schools, a National Blue Ribbon School, and a Recognition School.
 - b) Remote learning.
 - i) PS 101 has been able to reach 100% of families.
 - ii) Only two students are chronically absent; they do not have internet; PS 101 has ordered special iPads for them and has been attempting to deliver them.
 - iii) On any given day, only 10-15 students are absent.
 - iv) All personnel at PS 101 have pitched in to maintain contact with students: teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators.
 - (1) There is a focus on certain types of families:
 - (a) families whose children are chronically absent,
 - (b) those who have members infected with the C-19 virus, and
 - (c) those who have reached out for help.
 - v) There is 90% student engagement, i.e., students submitting assignments.
 - vi) Technology:
 - (1) The school distributed about seventy laptops before the building was shut.
 - (2) Forty families requested iPads from the DOE, and almost all have them.
 - c) End-of-year outlook.
 - i) The DOE says schools will be closed for the rest of year; the Governor has yet to confirm (the Governor confirmed after the SLT meeting).
 - ii) Graduation and Rewards Night may be remote.
 - iii) Discussion is ongoing about the end-of-year dance and other events.
 - iv) Graduation trip and the 4th Grade trip have been cancelled.
 - d) Grading Policy.
 - i) Final grades for elementary schools will be "Satisfactory" or "Needs Improvement."
 - (1) The school needs clarity on what "satisfactory" means.
 - (2) For children graded "Needs Improvement," there will probably be remote learning options in the summer, but these have not yet been specified.
 - (3) Principal Paniagua will attend a meeting on these topics tomorrow.
 - (4) Evaluation of "Listening" and "Speaking" obviously cannot be done when learning is remote.
 - (5) Grades might not be a factor in middle school acceptances; there are no details yet on what criteria would be used.
 - 2) P.A. Update
 - a) Thanks extended to Principal Paniagua for her leadership in these difficult times.
 - b) Nancy Llamas (PA President) and Principal Paniagua have continued weekly meetings.

- c) Principal Paniagua's weekly videos have been very helpful to families.
 - d) Thanks extended to the faculty and Ms. Fahey for the video from teachers greeting the students.
 - e) May events scheduled by the PA have been postponed, e.g., the Mets game and the Fun Run.
 - f) Yearbooks: The team is working hard to complete them; it is important to preserve the year's memories.
 - i) Sales will continue till the end of May.
 - ii) The books are slated to be issued mid-June.
 - g) First day school supplies: sales will open in May.
 - h) After-School Program:
 - i) Naturally, it shut down when the building shut down.
 - ii) The schedule for next year is being compiled and may be ready by June.
- 3) C.E.P. Update
- a) The DOE wants schools to carry over this year's goals to next year.
 - b) Because of feedback from schools, the CEP format is changing, but the template has not yet been released.
 - c) Our CEP usually addresses issues beyond test scores, e.g., critical thinking and social-emotional learning, but next year there may be a drop in scores, so we should focus on maintaining the scores.
 - i) Principal Paniagua has prepared a draft CEP accordingly. (She shared her screen with the group.)
 - d) There was consensus among SLT members that the goals and steps should be the same.
 - e) The school may need to do a pre-assessment in the fall to see if the baseline is the same as it was this year.
 - f) The school is considering a program in which parents come to the school to help with academics.
 - i) This was done in the past.
 - ii) Parents will have to be fingerprinted if they work without the presence of a teacher.
 - g) There may be a different pacing to the lessons next year, and units studied this academic year might have to be gone over again next year.
- 4) Budget.
- a) The budget was frozen when the schools closed.
 - b) There is a balance of approximately \$9k for Teacher's College, so maybe TC can provide remote sessions.
 - c) There is a balance for the website, and this might be preserved because the website is related to remote learning.
 - d) Major cuts are coming next year in programs, positions, and departments; it is not yet known whether this will filter down to school budgets.
 - e) There is a projection of 677 students at the school, so the budget would be based on that number.
- 5) Next meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.