

PS 21 SLT Meeting

November 9, 2021

5:00 pm

Zoom Conference Call

Meeting called by: M. Flowers
(SLT Chairperson)

Facilitator: M. Flowers

Attendees: *M. Flowers* (SLT Chair); *B. Thompson* (Principal, IA); *C. Arnold* (Assistant Principal); *S. Shaw* (PTA President); *L. Green* (PTA Recording Secretary); *A. Charles* (PTA Treasurer); *N. Campbell* (Parent SLT member); *C. Morgan* (Parent SLT member); *D. O'Bryant* (Teacher); *K. Welch* (Parent Coordinator); *D. Johnson* (UFT Representative); *A. Vivar* (BCS. Representative); *T. Johnson* (D16 CEC Liaison); *L. Durant-Fletcher* (Family Associate, SAT.)

Please read: SLT Meeting Agenda

Minutes

Mrs. Flowers called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. She reminded the team that this was an abbreviated meeting because parent members needed to attend a District 16 meeting at 6:00 pm. In reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, Mrs. Shaw identified an error regarding the roles of the PTA members- L. Green is the Recording Secretary and A. Charles is the treasurer. After noting the correction, Mrs. Welch motioned to accept the minutes, Mrs. Shaw seconded the motion. The SLT passed the minutes, and Mrs. Flowers directed the team to the agenda.

Mandatory SLT Training (*SLT Chairperson, M. Flowers*)

- Mrs. Flowers received an email from Camelia Brogdon-Cruz, D16 Family Leadership Coordinator, stating that all members must attend mandatory SLT training for the school to remain in compliance. Because the D16 SLT training passed, our school received the link to join D32's training. The first training was held on November 8 at 6:00 pm. If any SLT member missed this training, they must attend the next held on Wednesday, November 17 at 4:00 pm. To receive the link for the training, team members should email Mrs. Flowers.
- ✓ **Vaccination Pop-Up Update** (*Parent Coordinator, K. Welch*)

- Our school was chosen as a *Covid-19 Vaccine Pop-up* site. The vaccine was available for students aged 5 to 11 on Monday, November 8, from 12:330 to 4:00 pm. Twenty students received the vaccine- 7 students had parent escorts and 13 students were without adults. Parents are calling about the \$100 advertised incentive; however, vaccinated students received a voucher. Principal Thompson received the vouchers and will securely store them until parents receive them. Mrs. Welch said that she is not sure if the students will receive the second dose of the vaccine at the school.
- **Questions/Comments-**
 - Mrs. Flowers asked if students presented with side effects. Mrs. Welch replied that students reported they felt no side effects.
- ✓ **PTA Update** (*PTA President, S. Shaw*)
 - **Fundraising-**
 - *Krispy Kreme-* The PTA sold 500 boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts. Ms. Charles will discuss an update on earnings at the next PTA meeting. Mrs. Shaw will also share the information with the SLT during the December meeting.
 - *Clothing Drive-* Tomorrow, November 11, is the last day to make donations for the clothing drive. The company accepts a minimum of 100 bags, thus far, the school has received 108 bags, and not all have been counted. *A&E* will be picking up the donations from the school from 9:00 to 10:00 am.
 - *Chucky Cheese Fundraiser-* The Chucky Cheese event takes place on November 19 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Atlantic Center location. Chucky Cheese will visit the students in the schoolyard at dismissal on this day. A flier was sent home to parents/guardians about the event. The following flier sent home to families will include coupons for food and games.
 - *PTA Membership Drive-* the PTA received doodles from 21 families in October.
 - *FDNY Visit-* Ladder 111 is visiting our 3K, PreK, and Kindergarten. Students will participate in a fire truck tour on November 22. In addition, the firemen will host in-person class presentations on November 23.
- ✓ **Principal's Update** (*Principal, IA, B. Thompson*)
 - **Title 1-** Principal Thompson is preparing to host a Title 1 meeting. Mrs. Welch is assisting Principal Thompson in gathering the information to be shared. Title 1 funds are the 1% of school funds used for parent engagement.
 - **Academic Recovery-** The *Academic Recovery* program is beginning for students who receive Special Education Services and are identified as Tier 1, 2, or 3 due to low attendance loss of instruction. Students in Tier 1 will receive recovery services immediately. The anticipated start date for the program is November 15. There was a delay in the program's start because the city wanted staff participating in the program to be Special Education teachers or

paraprofessionals. Since then, the Department of Education has lifted the requirement.

- *Afterschool*- General Education students will also begin receiving AIS support.
- *Saturday School*- Saturday school will begin the third week of January 2022. the program will focus on content and test prep.

✓ **Assistant Principal's Update** (*Assistant Principal, C. Arnold*)

- **Attendance**- Our school is actively pushing *the city's Every Student, Everyday* attendance initiative. Principal Thompson shared the plan developed by the D16 team and Superintendent Martin. Our school's attendance goal is 95%. Recently, our YTD average increased to 90%. Incentives are being planned for students and parents to encourage daily school attendance. The attendance team is also bringing awareness to families of students with chronic absences-9 or more days. A letter from school administrators will be sent home to the families of those students this week. The team plans to move aggressively to improve student attendance.
- At the next meeting, Mrs. Arnold will discuss the benchmark assessment.

✓ **BCS Update** (*BCS Representative, A. Vivar*)

- Mr. Vivar said BCS had no current updates for the team.

✓ **UFT Update** (*UFT Representative, D. Johnson*)

- The UFT is going back into arbitration to enforce the \$500 incentive for DOE staff offered to the NYPD and FDNY.

✓ **D16 CEC Announcements** (*D16 CEC Liaison, T. Johnson*)

- November 22 is the calendar business meeting, and the D16 CEC will host the annual contract for excellence.
- Capital planning walkthroughs will soon begin with the D16 CEC President, Naquan McLean. Mr. Johnson was unsure if a walkthrough was scheduled for PS 21. However, he suggested that the SLT inform him of issues that need to be shared with the council.
- *Resolution A Project*- After submitting the request, the council would update principals upon hearing from local leaders.
- D16 is conducting the IB program in schools.
- **Questions/Comments**-
 - Mrs. O'Bryant asked if our school applied for the IB program over the summer. Principal Thompson replied that the application was submitted and is in the preliminary stages.
 - Principal Thompson added to Mr. Johnson's discussion about the CEC walk-through. The walk-through is scheduled for PS21 on November 23 at 5:30 pm. Principal Thompson identified capital improvement issues that he wants Mr. Johnson to bring to the council- air conditioners in the cafeteria and auditorium, a heating system upgrade, bathrooms in distressing states, especially those in 3K, PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st-grade class bathrooms. Principal Thompson and Mrs. Shaw will walk through the building to create a comprehensive list for the council. Mr.

Johnson told Principal Thompson he would forward the information to Mr. McLean.

✓ **Open Discussion** (*SLT Members*)

- Mrs. Flowers clarified the SLT training. Attendance for the training will count as time for regular SLT meetings (remuneration).
- To create the next meeting's agenda, SLT members can send topics of interest to Mrs. Flowers before the meeting.
- Mr. Johnson has the presentation for the SLT training and is willing to email members a copy to review before attending.

✓ **Next Meeting-** December 14, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned by M. Flowers, S.L.T. Chairperson (5:42 pm)