

PS 261 SLT MINUTES

Oct 9, 2020

7:30am-8:30am

Members Present: Maud Abeel, Sung Hee Choe, Principal Erica Davis, Nicole Eastzer, Christin Egan, Jamie Gifkins, Scott Jackson, Alex Messer, Rocco Oppedisano, Alyse Pecoraro, Heather Weston

1. Welcome
 - o The group had a discussion about the time of the SLT meeting and whether we should keep it at 7:30am. After running through a few alternatives, the group decided to keep it at the current time.
2. Opening Business
 - o 7/25 meeting minutes – will be shared after the meeting for approval
3. Updates on Blended and Remote Learning
 - o Teachers spoke about the experiences so far with teaching blended/remote and the approaches they are taking within their classrooms to support students
 - o The group discussed the need for greater touchpoints between parents and teachers and finding a way to get that connection especially for fully remote families
 - o Scott asked about specialists – right now, blended/remote students have art and music. Rocco is looking to do more recorded videos and potentially group activities
4. Parent-teacher information sessions
 - o The group discussed options to provide families with information about the curriculum via recorded videos and newsletters
 - o Parents asked for more information about 1) what is being taught asynchronously vs synchronously, so they know the areas in which to focus at home, and 2) big-picture goals/expectations for the year.
 - o The teachers will take a look at the curriculum night materials from last year to see what can be leveraged and re-purposed and will

explore the option of doing video recordings or holding a live video call for families.

5. Elections

- o PTA and SLT elections will be held at the same time on Thursday 10/29 at 5:30pm
- o Elections will be held via Zoom and DOE has revised guidelines for the conduct of elections, a copy of which will be shared with the group
- o Email notification about open positions will be sent out in the next few days.
- o Christine asked parents to spread the word and encourage parents to participate or run for an open position.

6. District 15 PAR project survey

- o We did not have time to get to this topic on the agenda