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January SLT Agenda

Thursday, January 18th, 2024

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

- Approve December Minutes (1 minute)
- Principal Update (25 minutes)

In the middle of middle of the year assessments.

First time K-2 doing I-Ready assessments. Acadiance is completed. 1st & 2nd grade growth was amazing. Ms. M. will share actual numbers later. Foundations is helping the phonics up the grade levels. (Started when Ms. Militello began.)

RESJ - parent meeting today - discussed Black History - last year was door decorating - Door decoration will be Women's history - For Black History we are creating a museum. Will have an evening event for parents to come in. That is happening 2/29.

Starting a small intervention program for 1-2 (20 teacher recommendations.)

Starting Monday for 5 weeks. Then test prep for 3-5.

We are targeting 2-5 grades for students in need to tutor - money from NIA - 5 teachers taking a day where they work with small groups to help students in ELA or Math. The students are in NIA.

Science grant - Judy and Ms. Militello are working on a way to meet with parents to - thinking STEM carts - laptops used for STEM.

New HMH coach - She comes in next Wednesday for the first time.

2 Kindergarten open houses that were successful. 2 Pre-K in February. Many interested parents.

February is jam-packed - Black History, Respect for All Week,



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Lunar New Year, Zu-Zu acrobats, Box-Out Bullying

New school aid - Ms. Dorka moved into paraprofessional role. Mr. Mike - he works for Kids Orbit - supervisor - about recess.

All NYC principals were asked to do a survey for class size.

Do you have enough sped/gen-ed teachers? NO

Enough clusters? NO

K-3 will be 20 in a classroom

4-5 max will be 23 in a classroom

- Social Emotional Screener (20 minutes)

Got extra money in the budget - wanted to get a screen b/c we don't do DESSA anymore. Trying to get in touch with a company called panorama education. It's a social emotional screen. Lots of videos that teachers have access to. Trying to see if there are other schools in the district that have bought into to get a better price. Maybe have a virtual meeting with a person from Panorama for the next meeting.

- Ms. Pergola-Computer-Based Testing (25 minutes)

Starting to get into testing season. 5th grade is mandated to do computer - based testing. (Reading, Math, Science)

Students are still doing lab work during the year - but no lab component with the State Test.

5th grade is doing a math simulation on Tuesday (1/23)

4th grade is taking the State test in April on a computer. They too will have an ELA simulation on 1/23.



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Will be set up as if it's the real test - with testing accommodations. Only 1 day/ 40 minutes - not the length of the whole test. It won't be timed.

Ordered many stylist so they can hand-write their work.

- Parent Association Update (15 minutes)

Movie night - successful - Stripes the tiger made an appearance. Cultural Potluck - postponed because of snow tomorrow.

Students had the idea that each room was a different culture. There will be a passport - if they write a fact they'll get a sticker - Thinking March (maybe 3/1) - Ramadan begins 3/10

1/26 next movie night. Stripes will be at the next movie night.

Picture Day - Jan. 30th Stomping Ground - there is a schedule in place.

There will be several parent volunteers. Teachers can take pictures too. End of day staff group photo. The more participation buying pictures - more money PA gets back. At least 40%.

Want to discuss with Ms. M. and Judy about the book fair and Fun Run.

Parents discussing I-Ready and how the lessons are "too easy" Also using the I-Pad at night- and parents are not happy about using the I-pad at night.

In second grade - I-Ready has been replacing the homework.

When do we hear about Title 1?

- Next Steps (4 minutes)

- SLT items to discuss at next meeting

Megan - Urban Advantage - with zoos and Natural History Museum - schools can apply for free science PD