

The Children's School
Minutes of the School Leadership Team Meeting
December 16, 2015

In Attendance:

Arthur Mattia, Rosa Amato, Catherine Sarno, Kerry Aguilar, Rosemarie Astarita, Anne Baker, Angela Ferrante, Matthew Miller, H. Steve Quester, David Rubel, ToniAnn Tepedino, David Tipson and MaryBeth Crosby-Carroll

Meeting Called December 16, 2015 at 7:15AM

Approval of November 18, 2015 Minutes

Principal's Update:

The C-30 process was completed on December 2, 2015. The committee consisting of Barbara Joseph, D75 Deputy Superintendent, Mary Mc Inerney, D 75 Principal, Mary Beth Crosby Carroll, UFT Delegate and SLT Member, Michael O'Neill, UFT Chapter Chairperson, Lenora Bruno D 37 representative, Annette Sutto and Parent Members of the SLT: Angela Ferrante, Rosemarie Astarita, Lucia Burns, Matthew Miller, and David Rubel.

Three candidates were interviewed. Questions were created by members of the SLT and then approved by District 75. Candidates had 20 minutes to answer 5 questions and talk about their vision for the school. The committee recommended Rosa Amato for Principal. It was noted how professional and fair minded Barbara Joseph was in chairing the meeting. The next step in the process is a Level 2 interview with the District 75 Superintendent. The bulk of the meeting consisted of discussing the C-30 process and the interim steps. If Ms. Rosa is approved as Principal by the Department of Education a posting for an Assistant Principal will go out and an additional C-30 process will have to take place to fill the Assistant Principal vacancy.

Mr. Artie also spoke about the fact that we are one of six schools in NYC that was chosen to pilot a school diversity program. It was reported last year that NYC is the most segregated large school system in the Nation. Thanks to the ongoing work of the Diversity Committee our school was on the radar as a school that would be a good choice to pilot this program.

UFT update:

Mary Beth reported that there are changes in the teacher evaluation system. No longer will standardized test scores carry the weight that they did in the last few years in the evaluation of teachers and students alike. Governor Cuomo made these recommendations based on parent and educator's concerns about the over importance being given to a single measurement (the test) to the exclusion of other aspects of a sound education.

PTA Update:

Anne Baker discussed the overall financial well being of the PTA and that they would be distributing gifts to the teachers as an end of year/holiday thank you.

Diversity Committee:

Steve Quester discussed implementing a program to make Islamic students feel safe and welcome in our school in the wake of a wave of Islamaphobia across the country.

Different ideas were put forward and it was agreed that we would continue to discuss it and a meeting asking Muslim families to speak to the larger community of families and staff about what we can do to address this issue. It was also discussed that an overall theme of tolerance, acceptance and inclusion of all ethnic and religious groups should be part of a discussion with students.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2016 7:15AM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Crosby Carroll