

School Leadership Team Minutes

May 7, 2020

Zoom meeting was called to order at 4:30

Attendees:

Bianca Colon
 Giselly Fernandez
 Jose Contreras
 Emory Davis
 Evie Hantzopoulos
 Frederica Sayles
 Gabrielle Gilliam
 Joann Hill
 Janeen Johnson
 Maximillian Re-Sugiura
 Robert Robinson
 Helen Vachicouras

--**Review of Feb, March, April Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Re-Sugiura made a motion to accept the minutes and Bylaws. Mr. Robinson seconded.

--**CEP:**

Principal Re-Sugiura:

--Attendance is 93.7%, this is when a student is present during the day but it is not the whole picture.

--Chronic absenteeism no longer counts in the 2019-2020 school year.

--Credit accumulation will be determined on Monday May 11(grades due)

--since Regents exams are cancelled for June, if you pass the class you get a waiver for the Regents.

Graduation rate: 95%+ contingent on final marking period.

Discipline: Suspensions WAY DOWN. Disproportionality measures achieved (sort of)

--Where are we closing the achievement gap?

--Be lenient on assignment delivery

Principal's report:

Principal Re-Sugiura: All virtual end-of-year events:

--Spirit Week May 18

--Former President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama to perform commencement on Saturday June 6—we may have a watch party or something for Seniors

--June 5th -Senior Awards

--June 12th-Prom Party

--June 25th-Graduation

--Grading policy:

--Project-Based Learning (PBL)—all subjects except Math have fully transitioned to PBL.

--Projects will run 2-3 weeks

--Teachers can use final exams or culminating projects that measure mastery of course-related skills in a summative manner.

--Projects should be based in real-world problem solving and Common Core skills.

--Guidance and Supports:

--biweekly Town Hall meetings

--Assemblies in grades 9 and 10

--Academic Support 1:1 meetings

--Parental Engagement Meetings (PEGs)

--Guidance site has been updated

--Schoolwide Projects:

--Spring Arts Festival will move to online

--Rooftop Garden project is a moving forward with help from the Horticulture Society

--Project Redline—10th graders taking this on

--Phys Ed/Health—video logs and sleep logs

--Technology deliveries are being made to school

--Social Media Work @artanddesignnyc

--Film collab with NYU

--Future:

--Universal Covid testing must happen before we can go back to the school building

--When can students get back to the school to get stuff? Not yet, trying to figure it out.

--Art teachers might go in and catalog the art that is there for future pick up.

--Possible to invite the Seniors back for a celebration at Thanksgiving

PTA President's report:

Evie Hantzopoulos: Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

--PTA is in limbo, not allowed to conduct business or do elections because we cannot meet in person and verify parent's votes.

--PTA meeting tonight with a focus on Mental Health

--Spring Arts Festival website was funded by former PTA board members Miguel Chavez and Frieda Christofides.

--Camera arms for Mr. Harchol

--We have money for next year and the Freshman Art Kits

--There will be a yearbook, the challenge will be getting it to students.

--We will get cap and gowns to Seniors. Parents can help.

UFT report:

Mr. Robinson: Project Based Learning is the focus for the next marking period. It is a lot of work up front but less work later in the marking period. Project based learning is a better/easier kinder way for the students to improve and better their grades from the 2nd marking period.

--let teachers know if kids are struggling—they can help.

--Parent Teacher Conferences can be set up if a parent wants to talk.

--resources will go out to help with scheduling

Students report:

Bianca Colon: based on feedback from the Student Government Instagram, the high attendance numbers are surprising.

--the teachers are not being particularly lenient, I am "logged out" a bit. 2 teachers are following up but not gently.

--Mental health very low, from so many students especially Seniors.

Joann Hill: I'm so sorry you are having such a hard time. When teachers reach out to ask about an assignment, instead of telling them when you will turn in the assignment, you can tell them you are having trouble and hopefully they can help you feel less stressed and more engaged.

Ms. Vachicouras: Maybe we are taking you for granted.

--teachers need students to reach out as well.

--students should be celebrated

Mr. Re-Sugiura: trying to reach out to give supports, mental health supports.

--93% attendance is not the whole picture.

--agree we are taking Seniors for granted

Giselly Fernandez: I have cried and I do not cry.

--having college issues which is challenging.

--I try to be cheery :)

--Took over Senior Instagram for a Q&A:

--Students were angry. "What about Senior dues?"

--students started attacking her. She gave the info she had and it backfired.

--I'm gonna be ready for the virtual prom.

--Maybe I will come back to the school after college and teach math :)

Mr. Robinson: Negative voices are often louder than positive ones.

Old Business/New Business:

Review and approval of SLT Bylaws—

--Gabrielle moved to accept the Bylaws with change of "Art teacher" to "CTE teacher"

--Mr. Davis seconded so Bylaws were accepted.

Mr. Contreras: "Mr. Davis I like your beard" and "Mr. Re-Sugiura I like that mustache" :)

The meeting was ended at 5:45pm