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SLT Minutes

March 10, 2023

SLT Members:

Core SLT Positions	Teacher Representatives	Parent Representatives
Elana Elster, Principal	Sara Lichtman (co-chair)	Alexis Freeman (co-chair)
Jose Beauvais, UFT rep**	Erica Williams	Karen Saltser
Lee Uehara, PTA Pres	Elizabeth McNulty	Janette Cardova
	Amanda Mersits (secretary)	Yael Swica
	Kyle Wilson**	Randall Friedman
		Sofia Hubscher (parent secretary)
		Dimitra Koutsantoni**

*Late

**Absent

Observers: Anne Pejovich

The meeting was held in person.

Agenda:**Approval of the Minutes from February 2023**

Minutes were approved.

Principal's Report, including High School Update

High School offers were released by the DOE to families yesterday. Based on a preliminary review, MS54 had solid results with students receiving an offer to one of their ranked choices. 63% of students who took the SHSAT received a match to a Specialized High School.

The SLT discussed that providing high school offers to families in March (as opposed to in June for the 2022 middle school graduating students) helps families timely evaluate other options, such as private high schools, in the relevant time frame.

Dr. Elster raised the topic of re-merging ELA and Social Studies into Humanities for the 2023-24 school year and the group discussed various pros and cons. She will make the decision before the end of this school year.

Dr. Elster discussed having refined the grading rubric and efforts to refine the grading processes (e.g., letter grades, checkmarks) to ensure more consistency among the teachers and clarity for the students.

SLT discussed ways to increase family participation rate in the School Surveys. The information provided from the surveys is public and utilized by families evaluating middle school options.

DOE approved *This Book is Gay* to remain in the MS54 library.

New Business

- Reminder that next SLT meeting is on a Monday morning, April 3.

Future Schedule of Meetings

April 3 (Monday), May 12, June 2

Coffee Rotation

April – Janette Cardova

May – Kyle Wilson

June – Dimitra Koutsantoni