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SLT Minutes

September 22, 2023

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SLT Members:

Core SLT Positions	Teacher Representatives	Parent Representatives
Elana Elster, Principal	Sara Lichtman (co-chair)	Janette Cardova
Jose Beauvais, UFT rep	Erica Williams	Randall Friedman
Spyridoula Ntella PTA Co-Pres	Elizabeth McNulty	Sofia Hubscher
Jill Bennett, DC37	Dan Clark (secretary)	Katie Miller
	Kyle Wilson	

*Late

** Absent

Observers: Anne Pejovich, Parent Coordinator, Peter Singh, PTA Co-Pres, Nildania Perez, Co-Chair Equity Committee

The meeting was held in person.

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

- Minutes were approved.

Establish Meeting Schedule for 2023-24 Academic Year

- SLT calendar of meetings will be: October 13, November 17, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14.

Principal's Report

- 55 students had been scheduled at the end of 2022-23 to attend summer school, all successfully completed their work; 40 students who did not attend the classes completed independent online work, also successful completion of their work;
- Dr. Elster attended math PD during the summer;
- For 2023-24, Humanities replaced separate ELA and Social Studies, teachers mapped the curriculum;
- The school developed across the board consistent grading system;

- 3 major construction projects: gym air conditioning completed; boiler room project; band room not complete but students moved into space in September;
- State test scores not available to schools yet so will discuss at next SLT meeting;
- Enrollment: 714 students, still 100 student drop pre-covid (850), drop across the district; went to wait list for 6th grade and offered 7 seats last week, 1 acceptance;
- Due to enrollment, 1 ICT class in 6th grade (plan/expectation was to have 2);
- ELL/ENL class has 3 Spanish and 2 Russian-speaking students;
- Expanded skills class to include math for 6th grade, plus reading which had already been offered; students attending showed movement/progress;
- 5 new faculty hires: math, science, speech, second dean; special education
- Reorganized counseling, guidance counselors, one assigned to each grade;
- submitted preliminary draft CEP during summer, goals align with city priorities, Dr. Elster will bring draft of goals next month.

CEC3 Language Resolution

- CEC3 resolution to create Russian language classes at Booker; introduced by Dr. Darling James Miramey, CEC3 Treasurer and Booker school liaison, no agreement from Booker that this was a need or sensible re resources;
- Adopted at CEC3 with 7 votes in favor, 3 against;
- Katie Miller to draft letter to CEC3 concerning Booker representation at CEC3; will circulate to SLT members.

Updating SLT emailing addresses

- slt@ms54.org will be for external contacts; internal emails will go to each SLT member as carbon copy.

Open Parent Seats on SLT

- PTA will be seeking nominations for SLT parent seats for election at October PTA meeting.

