

In attendance- Gerry Goss, Thomas Canning, Jessica Mitchell, Sarah Durham, Johanna Garcia, Lori Uysal, Casey Mellili, Adele Tedesco, Nilda Marrero, Aimee Colon, Mariann Kugler

Minutes reviewed and approved 7:06 a.m.

### **Budget:**

Ms. Chory is out and without her here, we have no budget information to share with the SLT. Marrero said nothing has changed drastically, but the administration is still working on gathering and supplying the classrooms with books and science equipment. Fo187 recently bought Junior Great Books non-fiction books for the 3rd grade.

### **New Business:**

**New SLT Guidelines-** New regulations have been brought forth specifying that the SLT meetings are open meetings to the community. People can come and oversee the meetings but they are not able to participate in the meetings. The district offices are gathering information from other offices throughout the city so that people are able to attend meetings throughout the area. The district offices are also looking to collect dates and meeting notes. Johanna Garcia said we are a well-functioning SLT, and she feels that the new perimeters might bring up some safety concerns. The district offices will make all meeting dates public. Ms. Marrero said all the dates are on the public bulletins as well as on the website. The dates now have to be in the media as well. Ms. Garcia said the new guidelines need to line out how we go into executive session. Tom Canning asked what prompted this to happen. Johanna Garcia said this was brought on by a member of a community in Queens that wanted to attend an SLT meeting and was turned away because he wasn't a parent at the school. He brought forth a lawsuit. Lori Uysal mentioned again that is-is a real safety concern because random people can come and attend our meetings.

**MoSL-** Johanna Garcia: On 12/21, the CSA and the DoE reached agreement on the new teacher assessments. Her concern is that the new guidelines are immediate and she would like to know how the administration is going to move forward. Nilda Marrero- MoSL is how student learning is assessed. In the lower grades, teachers use F&P. In the middle school, teachers use iReady. The school has not received specific information or tools as to how we're going to move forward yet. Until further notice, the school will continue to use the tools we currently have in place. Jessica Mitchell- The DoE is thinking of putting together some materials that can be used. Materials (portfolios)- task oriented or Project Based Learning (PBL).

**Rooftop Project/Grants-** Some of the parents are inquiring as to why we're getting money for that as opposed to other things. Ms. Marrero said we're still waiting for sound proofing to come across which is something that we were awarded two years ago. We have received \$650k from Rodriguez's office. We haven't gotten something from Brewer's office. We are looking at what other things are needed. Johanna Garcia wanted to know what is the cost of the project. Ms. Marrero said we need roughly \$1 million. The fencing is probably the most expensive because of the safety issues more than anything else.

**Homework-** Lori Uysal said this is an ongoing issue. Gerry Goss said too much homework was given over the holiday break. His child had homework in every subject. He wanted to know if it is DoE mandated. He wanted to know if the homework was extra on top of the regular assignments. Sarah Durham said there is inconsistency in how homework is handed out. She wanted to know the policy for assigning homework. Ms. Mellili said holiday homework is really more of a recap to keep them prepped for the state assessments. Each year, she tries to give her kids the homework prior to the break. The math department issues the packets so that the kids don't forget what they have been working on. In the I.S., holiday assignments seem to fluctuate. Ms. Marrero said there is no official guideline for holiday homework. The superintendent is very pro-holiday work.

**Meeting adjourned- 7:52 a.m.**