



SLT Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024

Mrs. Chang welcomed everyone to the November SLT meeting. Introduction of new member representing parents, Lauren Killeen

- **Accepting October 2024 Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

- **New Building Updates**

Mrs. Chang reported issues with the intercom system in the new building affecting announcements in the main building. The window shades that are missing are coming. The temperature in the lunchroom was being looked at by the custodians. The keys for all doors have been sent. Mrs. Chang announced that the alarms were checked in the new building. She verified that the alarms must be tested every morning at 6am. Parents had information from neighboring families regarding varying times of the alarm going off. Suggestions were made for a letter clarifying the times of the alarm for the whole community. Mrs. Chang promised to look into it. Parents also reported that the main door handles were not aligned.

- **Lunchroom updates**

Mrs. Chang informed us that the current lunchroom tables will be donated to other schools throughout the district in need of furniture. New tables had been ordered and were expected soon.

- **Playground updates**

Mrs. Chang announced that the early playground had been open. Trust of Public Land is the department that was responsible for the locking and upkeep of the playground. Discussion ensued regarding community members using the park and feeding animals and the hazards that were involved. Questions about the time of the opening and closing of the park.

- **Safety and Security**

Mrs. Chang addressed the two safety plans for both buildings. They have been approved by the safety agent. We were waiting for the police department approval. We have had our code blue drill, bus drill and lock downs. We have 4 more drills to perform before the end of December.

- **Smaller class size proposal. - Ms. Lin & Ms. Gordon-Chang**

Ms. Lin presented the smaller class size law. Schools may apply for smaller class size. Principals who have the space can start the process. 40% of classes are in compliance citywide this year. The goal is for 60% next year. Mrs. Chang shared the application. Mrs. Chang also mentioned that the school lunch survey is essential for Title 1 funding. Questions arose regarding G&T and ICT classes and how those classes would be affected by the smaller class size mandate. Mrs. Chang explained that permissions needed to be granted to create more than one of those classes. We then discussed budgeting for all new staff necessary for the smaller class sizes. Parents offered support

to have our plan approved. Mrs. Chang agreed to collaborate on the plan and accept suggestions.

- **District 30 Sports Program -Intramural Coed Team Sports - Basketball updates - Ms. Parada**

Mrs. Parada reported on the Roaring Tigers basketball team. Ms. Sideris is the coach. Busses were sometimes used to travel to other schools for games. Our cheerleaders were led by Ms. Pascarelli. Games were streamed so that the entire school could watch.

- **PS85Q - Arts Grants updates**

- **After school CWP for 5th grade. We have kindergarten CWP on Fridays during the day. We will have more swimming classes in the spring.**

- **Prepare for 2025 NYS Grades 3–8 ELA and Math and Grade 5 Science Exam Administration - Ms. Chang**

Mrs. Chang reported that the students had been immersed in their digital classrooms. Mrs. Lin added that we use a variety of resources

The New York State (NYS) grades 3–5 Computer based English Language Arts (ELA) exam will be tentatively administered from Computer-based Testing (CBT): April 22 – May 2, 2025

The New York State (NYS) Grades 3-5 Computer Based Testing in Math will take place between :May 6 – 16, 2025

The New York State (NYS) Grade 5 Science Exam will be administered May 13 – 16, 2025

- **In 2025, all schools will be required to participate in operational CBT administration in grades 4, 5,**
- **In 2026, all schools will be required to participate in operational CBT administration for all grades 3–8**
- **In Support of the Chancellor’s Pillar #4 Engaging Families to be our True Partners**
- **Share Save for College Program Information with Families o Students in kindergarten through grade 5 in District 30 are eligible to participate in the Save for college - Mrs. Michela Migliaccio**

Open Forum:

Question about office hours. Mrs. Lin explained that teachers are not mandated to answer before and after.

Suggested paper communication describing upcoming events or classroom happenings.

Pre k parents are concerned about the cold and how kids sit outside waiting to be let in. Mrs. Chang responded that the day begins 8:10 for Safety of children we cannot have children in the building without supervision.

With this the meeting was adjourned.