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SLT Minutes October 25, 2016

Present: R. Marino, D. Fine, F. Chow, Mrs. Moloney, W. Hseuh, D. Weisen, C. O'Shaughnessy, N. Ginestri, Lingling Huang, Carolina Chacon

Absent: Devan Huang, Melania Torres

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM

September minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Ms. Ginestri, and seconded by Ms. O'Shaughnessy. The minutes are accepted.

Principal's Report:

- ✓ CookShop- Teachers were trained for CookShop. They learned about healthy and nutritious food choices. Discussion about Alternative Menu in PS 120 lunchroom. He states that he is sure children are talking about new food selections in lunchroom. States that there are three menus for school lunch- regular menu/ vegetarian menu/alternative menu. We have selected the alternative menu with healthier food choices, no fried foods but still include meat proteins. Parents state that students only comment is that the milk is too cold in the morning- Mr. Marino explains that due to food safety regulations milk must be kept at a certain temperature to prevent spoilage.
- ✓ Gardening Club- Ms. Largess and Ms. Demetropoulos are supervising. They have received 250 daffodil bulbs that they plan to plant in the front of the school.
- ✓ It's My Park Day at Flushing Meadows Park on Saturday October 29 organized by parent coordinator, Ms. Zhao.
- ✓ Halloween Character Day Parade. Students asked to dress as book characters. A letter sent home was sent home with details. Students with a permission slip may parade around the block. Students without the permission slip may parade in small school yard.
- ✓ Coffee with the Principal-an informal opportunity for parents to meet with the principal and chat about school topics.
- ✓ Community Care Committee has been formed due to concerns regarding the private after school programs that many of our students attend. The latest incident occurred when one school took attendance but then left with only 39 students, leaving 1 student behind in the school yard. Concerns include: reports of physical abuse and some students sleeping at certain after schools coming in to school with poor hygiene.
- ✓ Instructional Focus- Every year we focus on something else to get better at it. Administrators and teachers focus on a goal to improve practice to raise student achievement. Last year we focused on questioning and discussion techniques and because we did, we raised the level of class discussion in every class. This year we are

looking at assessment and data- test scores from Math, ELA and NYSESLAT, class assessments, classroom questioning, enough information as possible. We are also asking each teacher and administrator to develop a Professional Learning Plan so we can ascertain how students learn best so we can raise the level of student achievement.

- ✓ The 2016-17 Instructional Focus is: Teachers will use information from multiple data sources, including formative and summative assessments, to strategically align and tailor curriculum, lessons, and instruction to the unique needs of the individual students.

UFT Report :

- ✓ Ms. Moloney has been elected as UFT delegate

Parent Report:

- ✓ Parents enquire about picking up children on rainy days and ask if administration has a solution to the parents and guardians crowding the doors during inclement weather and poking each other with umbrellas. After much discussion no solution is reached at this time.
- ✓ Halloween Sale- Thursday October 27 and Friday October 28.
- ✓ Parents will distribute Halloween Goody Bags on Halloween, October 31.

Motion to adjourn Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Chow at 3:30 PM.