**PS/IS 229 SLT**

**William Kirk, Principal**

SLT Minutes, January 17th, 2024

**Present:** William Kirk,Angela Tipaldi, Michael Sherman, Teresa Caravello, Michelle Jung, Jennifer Jansen, Michael Lacombe, Dhara Shah, Jessica O’Mahoney-Schwartz

**Absent:** Antoinette Vorilas

**Agenda**

**Review of Minutes**: Approved

**PTA Update:**

* PJ Party was successful
* Picture retakes were returned and distributed Wedneday, 1/16
* Winter Dance is 1/26
* Spirit Wear with staff store begins 1/29, online only
* Love Gram slips distributed
* Need volunteers for snack shack

**Principal’s Report:**

***Curriculum & Instruction***

* Schools participating in Phase I of the NYC Reads initiative will begin receiving instructional rounds from the superintendent’s office
* Visit on Friday, 1/18
* The focus of the visit is to gauge how schools are implementing the HMH curriculum.
* Meeting with dual language class parents showed positive feedback
* ELA and Math Afterschool program starting end of January (two (2) days weekly) over approximately eight (8) weeks
* Promotion in Doubt will be released February 5, written notifications out no later than 2/15.

***Library Update***

* Contractors coming for pre-bid walkthroughs for library upgrade
* According to the project manager, if project can start at the end of May, it can be completed end of August.
* Multipurpose room renovation still on the horizon.

***Rezoning and PS/IS 229***

* Brannan is no longer councilman for 229
* With re-zoning, we are now in D50 represented by David Carr.
* When visiting, Carr was impressed by the tightknit community
* Concern about lack of safety agent(s) for a school population of 1300 mentioned by Mr. Kirk
* Also addressed the safety concerns regarding outside of the building and traffic
* Carr asked if 229 would be interested in a CASA(sp?) grant for the arts

***State Test Goals and MOY Assessment Data***

* ELA Goal for Grades 3-8: 2.8% increase from 74.9% proficiency (NYSELA 2023)
* Math Goal for Grades 3-8: 2.5% increase from 78.1% proficiency (Math 2023)
* IReady results do not show the projected rise

**UPDATE ON TITLE I STATUS: funding possible in ‘24-’25 if Brooklyn threshold stays at 60%. School is currently at 64%.**

***Parent Outreach***

* Funds for translation services--> need to start being diligent about translation services available to make communication accessible to all
* Mr. Goldman will meet with the language team to discuss what can be done with translation funding
* Professional development for staff about translation services available

**Upcoming Events**

* Lunar New Year Assemblies, February 9th
* Kindergarten Dual Language Class performance for parents
* Chinese Feast, February 12th
* 8th Grade Committe Plush Grams for Valentine’s Day

**Upcoming Trips**

* Maple Sugaring
* Karaoke
* Rise NY

**Items of note**

* Mr. Lacombe: SLT leather jackets should be provided.
* He also did not mention chronic absenteeism.

***Next Meeting- 2/15/2024***