

PS 516 Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School Leadership Team (SLT)  
April 21st, 2026

**Start time: 4:30 pm - End time**

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**Topic: SLT Zoom link**  
[zoom](#)

Present	Absent	Guests
Principal - Jessica Knudson PTA President - Jody Avirgan UFT Rep - Gabe Radbel Co-secretary - Co-secretary Parent- Chair- Amber Benham Co-chair - Timekeeper- Teacher - Teacher - Erica Lessner (online) Teacher - CFL Coordinator- Olney Edmonson (online) Assistant Principal- Natalie Francisco Parent - Parent - Karina Albistegui-Adler Parent - Parent -	Parents: Leonard White Gregg Stankewicz  Teacher: Jennifer Sanchez	

**Agenda**

*Mission: The mission of the SLT is to provide a forum for parents, administrators, and staff to collaborate and function as a unifying voice that reflects the diversity of our student body. SLT is a space to enact change and enhance the quality of education at PS 516, with the goal of developing kids as people who have agency over themselves and their world.*

[SLT Resources](#)

- Call to Order - 4:39
- Greeting
  - a.
- New Roles- New date and start time Vote
  - Chairperson or co-chair - Benham
  - Secretary or co-secretary- Lessner
  - Timekeeper -
  - Other roles -

## Office of School Planning

- **Principal's Report -**
  - a. **AI Updates**
    - i. <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8751093/Guidance-on-Artificial-Intelligence>
  - b. **CEP Goals (minus our previously discussed ELA and Math goals)**

**Priority Two:** By June 2027, the school will achieve a 3% reduction in Level 1–5 classroom-based infractions during instructional time, as measured by OORS data, by strengthening staff capacity through targeted training in Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs) and TCIS, with ongoing coaching and implementation monitoring to ensure fidelity.

**Priority Four:** By June 2027, the percent of families participating in NYC Rise will increase from 40% to 50% as measured by NYC Rise Data.

**Priority Five:** By June 2027, we will have an increase in family engagement through a quarterly collaboration with FAST/CFL with 50-100 attendees as measured by PCAR data.

**Quality IEP:** By June 2027, to strengthen the quality and implementation of IEPs for Students with Disabilities (SWD), we will improve the implementation and effectiveness of specially designed instruction (SDI) to show at least 10% growth in OOA screeners, as measured by BOY to EOY growth on Acadience and MAP Growth screeners, through ongoing professional development cycles focused on SDI, evidence-based instructional practices, and updated special education compliance requirements.

**Chronic Absenteeism:** Goal: By June 2027, school wide the percent of students designated chronically absent will decrease 5% from 28% to 23% as measured by the insight Chronic Absenteeism Rate.

### c. Updates

Math state test April 28 and 29th

STEM day April 30th for older students

May 12 science test for 5th grade

NYSESLAT speaking now

NYSESLAT reading/writing/listening for 3-5th grades-May 4-6

NYSESLAT reading/writing/listening for K-2nd grades-May 7-11

April 24 Earth Day Fair

Scholastic Book Fair May 13-15

Pride Celebration-Drag Story Hour for 5th Grade Students-June 17th

Whole School Pride Event-June 17th, studying pride flag, what the colors represent, etc., then whole rally making human rainbow

Installing canvas pride flag in building

- **Teachers' Report -**

- classroom supplies & status in K333 vs K557
  - this year we purchased new Promethean boards (6) & ACs for K333
  - maybe printers next year?
  - PTA can fund small cosmetic improvements or perhaps a printer
- screentime guidelines
  - perhaps a parent workshop in the future about screen time and early childhood?
- K-5 teachers are now receiving science PD from GenReady
- clusters for 2026-2027?
  - our tentative table of org will list 5 cluster positions, pending budget (which is always the case for any position on the table of org)
- still need Earth Day volunteers

- **Parents' Report**

- a. **Elections** May 21st and 22nd (voting during shows)
- b. **May Events:** Staff appreciation day May 8, Flower sale May 7 and 8, Avenues Market May 16, Urban Air PTA meet up night May 14

- **CFL Report**

- a. Program Updates
  - i. We are fully enrolled for the School Year!
  - ii. Our beloved Kathy has been promoted to Program Coordinator at another of our CFL programs. Her last day will be this Friday! We have a new office Admin, Ruth, who will start fully by herself next week. We are excited for the new addition to our team, but will miss Kathy greatly
  - iii. 21st CCLC funding and the AmeriCorps funding are being zeroed out in the President's executive "skinny budget". We will be getting our advocacy materials together again.
  - iv. We submitted a NYSED ESD (New York State Ed Department Extended School Day) proposal last week. Competitive- only 21 programs across the entire city will be awarded. This would be five years of funding, one year would overlap with the last year of 21st Century, at which point, if 21st Century isn't renewed, it would be the only source of afterschool

funding (with less 5-day/week afterschool slots) OR if 21st Century is federally funded, then we would be applying for a new contract.

v. As a reminder our Spring show is on May 20, 2026.

b. Summer

i. We are fully enrolled and excited that we will be here at 516 this summer. All 100 slots are filled for Summer camp which is running from July 6 to August 14, 8 AM to 3 PM, and we will be here at PS 516 this summer.

- **New Business -**

- a. Community Garden

- i. How does the school want to use the raised beds?.

- 1. Idea - Summer Gardening Program, looping in CFL who will be onsite during the summer

- 2. Next year: have Green Team to serve as ambassadors of the garden

- **Public Comments -**

- End time - 5:56

Next Meeting

- 5/18 - 4:45

- 6/16 - 4:30