

PS 516 Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School Leadership Team (SLT)
 May 14, 2019
 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Mezzanine Room

Present	Absent	Guests
Jessica Knudson (Principal, IA) Emily Baskin- UFT rep (proxy) Amber Rashid Michelle Giambo Amanda Blevins Meghan Wilder Deanna Abrams -PTA rep Courtney Epton Brenda Garcia Carrie Fleming Tory Messina Melody Sosa		

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm. We started the meeting with an icebreaker and introduced our newest parent member.

We read last meeting's [Minutes](#) and approved them with edits.

Principal's Report

Ms. Knudson shared initial feedback from our Quality Review on May 9 and 10, 2019. She shared that we will receive ratings in 10 areas at a later date. As of May 14, the quality reviewer gave ratings in two areas; one area of celebration and one area of focus. Our area of celebration was 1.4: Positive Learning Environment. Our rating was proficient. She said she was missing student voice. She acknowledged how wonderful our Girls on the Run program is, but wondered how we might expand upon this type of activity. Many boys mentioned a "boys on the run" program.

Our area of focus was 2.2: Assessment. She felt like there were some common assessments and rubrics across the school. She saw alignment between classes across the grade. She wanted to see more actionable feedback for students. She wants students to have visuals and know exactly what THEY are working on, which is different from the whole class focus. She also wants us to think about what our high flyers and early finishers are working on and what extension activities they can participate in. She said we were lacking alignment from a vertical

standpoint. She saw pockets of great things in many grades, but they didn't necessarily carry over to upper or lower grades. She wanted to see consistency schoolwide.

We spoke about how we message this information to parents and we talked about highlighting how our area of celebration is one that cannot be earned just by adding a few assessments, it's something that has to be built over time. This speaks to the fact that our school values the whole child.

We looked at all five of our current CEP goals and discussed what goals we want to carryover for the next school year, which we want to adapt, and which we want to completely change. We will finalize the goals at our June meeting.

Parent's Report

A parent asked for more information around the hiring process for a new principal, but as of our May meeting, neither Ms. Knudson nor Ms. Abrams had heard from Ms. Skop regarding her decision around our next principal. Ms. Knudson shared that interim-acting principals can be in the position for many months, so it is possible that she will remain in this position through part or all of next school year. Ms. Knudson plans to bring this up at the next principals conference at the end of May.

Ms. Abrams shared that we are having both the SLT and PTA executive board elections on field day, which is June 12. The voting will be happening before school, during field day, at pickup, and around Wingspan pickup. Ms. Abrams shared that she does not think that anyone from the current PTA executive board is staying on for next year. There is a nominating committee that is currently recruiting and sending out nomination forms.

We shared that for next year there will be three teacher and three parent vacancies for SLT.

A parent shared that there is a middle school presentation for families happening on Wednesday May 22 at 6:00 pm. This is an exclusive presentation on schools in Brooklyn. The presenter will speak about the middle school process in District 15. There is a \$10 suggested donation for families. It will be held in the multipurpose room. There will be childcare available.

A parent also brought up a concern that there are students in the classroom that are not being respectful and being part of a safe classroom environment. We spoke about having kids help create presentations around our core values so that more parents will attend the presentations and be aware of what our school values, so parents can be supportive of these core values at home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.