

PS 516 Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School Leadership Team (SLT)

Date: September 21,
2021

Time: 5:00pm - 6:15 pm

Location: Virtual

Present	Absent	Guests
Jessica Knudson Carrie Flemings Thikra Esa Alexandra Salas Paeres Juana Aparicio Melissa Gawlowski Celestine Salisbury		Natalie Francisco

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Welcoming Ms. Salas and Ms. Pratt. Shara and Natalie are guests and Ms. Jackson and Ms. Salisbury

2nd Tuesday of the month, equal number of staff and parents. We need to fill Claudia Lechuga's seat and Serafin Luqueno (unless Serafin is reelected).

In the UFT side, 2 seats need to be filled (there should be an election before the October meeting).

Chairperson and Secretary are needed

Chairperson schedules the meeting, ensure the team members have the info to guide their planning, sending the agenda to the Secretary so that parents and staff can add their notes, chairperson would also create the zoom link if we are virtual.

Secretary makes the notice, sends out the flyer, takes the minutes. Saida can help the secretary if there are any copies, etc.

-Co-chairperson and Co-secretary will be Ms. Jackson and Ms. Salisbury.

-Starting 9/27 Full Classrooms will not have to close if there is one student who tests positive as long as 3ft social distancing guidelines are being implemented.

-Juana would love to support with sharing the covid consent form to approve testing. She offered to come during the week to support with consent form distribution.

-Ms. Knudson mentioned that we are waiting for translation of the consent forms before distributing them to families

-Ms. Knudson mentioned that maybe at the next PTA meeting the parents can discuss ways to get the consent forms to families.

-What would trigger a classroom closure? Knudson- We call the situation room, we go through anyone who can be close contacts, we are asked what was the space what they were in, sq footage, how close were they, those protocols may still be happening with the situation room. I will report that students were under 3ft. If that was the case when speaking to the situation room

Questions by Angelica Johnson: If students have symptoms and students dont get tested, what can we do

-Knudson- I will continue compiling concerns and escalating them.

-We encourage someone to get the test, we will go over with families that when students have symptoms they cant come back until 10 days or unless they have a negative covid test, which is in alignment with what the health screener states.

-Juana- Is very bad that we close the schools? Knudson- Under the old guidelines our 1 positive case deemed a classroom closure. With the new guidelines as of 9/27 the one positive case will not lead to a classroom closure. If kids were less than 3 feet apart then that would trigger a classroom closure

-Juana- We are all ready for remote learning if they are needed, I want to speak to the pta so that adults can get the vaccine and that can affect our children. There are some adults that dont show symptoms and they are carrying covid and it affects other children.

-Knudson- Our staff is working super hard to keep the school community safe. IT's tough to wear a mask, but we are doing

-Jackson- In terms of being preventative, the students that were in the building last year are used to the mask wearing routine. The students new to the building havent been in the building in a long time, I noticed when they dont see adults around they try to take it off. Maybe we can come up with a way to support students in understanding the importance of mask wearing (i.e., putting up signs

-Jackson- Speaking at PTA to discuss the importance of parents having these conversations with their children at home.

-Juana- An idea that occurs to me is for us parents to have their kids wear masks of the kids favorite movies and video games etc. Maybe we can buy them masks of favorite video games or cartoons.

-Knudson- Roads To Success, program started in Monday, the application is not in all languages, we have a lot of questions around financial aid but we are meeting with the team later this week to ask about the financial aid deadline.

Salas -How are families notified about RTS, was the application only done electronically?

- school has the same question

Was told that it would be in-person and distributed online, but the school has yet to see a physical copy/in-person registration. The school wants to make sure all families have access to attend.

-parent- did receive an email about after-school, but included cost, and did not apply

-school believed there would be financial aid, has learned that the information was only sent to people who had already registered, not to all parents -- in school/RTS meeting, will follow up to extend who can apply for financial aid and deadline

Teachers Report

Jackson - Teachers do not have anything more to report

Salas - flow of the school and how it relates to last year- - last year the signage regarding which stairs to go up and down really helped with the flow of traffic, so 2 classes were not in the

stairwell at the same time -- might help with distancing and help all students move around the school

- Team of teachers will work on putting them up again
- Will ask custodial staff to make sure the mask signs are up and at eye level

6:15 - Close the meeting

Next meeting - 2nd Tuesday -- October 12th, 2021 at 5pm