

**SLT Meeting**

**9.21.21**

**3:00 - 4:30**

**Attendance:**

Bob Bender, PS 11 Principal

**Teachers:**

Emma Balmuth-Loris

Marketa Kawa

Kim Olson

Holli Weiss (UFT Chapter Chair)

**Community Representative:**

Debbie Osborne, PS 11 Programs and Community Based Organization (CBO) representative

**Parents:**

Inbar Aricha-Metzer

Rebecca Berkebile (Secretary)

Courtney Lewis

Reshma Saujani

Edward So

Jordan Wright (Chair)

**Minutes:**

I. Introductions

1. Members of SLT

1. Need one more staff member for SLT – must be UFT member

1. Role of SLT
2. Comprehensive Education Plan
3. Sounding board for Mr. Bender
4. Academic engagement projects (work collaboratively with PTA)

II. Standing agenda items for SLT

A. Family Engagement/Communication

1. Include blurb on SLT in family liaison e-mails to let parents know they can use the SLT as a potential resource – Jordan will work with Jen Dickson on this.
2. How can we make families feel welcome and that they belong at PS 11? Dojo and e-mails as main mode of communication; Kindergarten teachers are very attuned to how different families like to receive information (paper, text, etc.). SLT can help by brainstorming about projects that might engage parents who are not currently engaged; also try to engage working parents who cannot come into the classroom.
3. Starting parent volunteering in the school with opening the library – moving slowly on inviting people in because do not want to exclude some people who are not vaccinated for various reasons – also capacity issues in certain classes.
4. Health & Safety (including mental health)
5. PTA asked Jordan and his clinic to conduct a workshop on parenting during COVID: how to support students from a psychological perspective; skills and support focus.
6. Academics
7. No longer using Dreambox, technology-based products
8. Engagement on Social Issues
9. Mr. Bender’s focus on identity work – teachers are working to get kids to tell them who they truly are.
10. Gratitude Initiatives
11. Word on the Street – connect with Mr. Bender about what families’ concerns are
12. Example – concern by parents about early start time of school – Mr. Bender can explain this at the PTA meeting.

III. Schedule of SLT Meetings for 2021-22

1. October 12; November 9; December 14; January 11; February 8; March 8; April 12; May 10; May 31; June 14
2. 3pm-4:30pm timing
3. June 24 – SLT sponsored event – from 6-7:30pm
4. Will continue on Zoom for now

IV. Adjourn

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 3-4:30pm**