



Central Park East I Elementary School

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**SLT Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2023**

Present in person: Gabriel (Staff/Principal), Atiyya (Parent), Kent (Parent), Stephanie (Staff),
Laura (Parent/Chair), Andy (Parent), Moji (Parent/PA), Anika (Staff), Cecilia (Staff)
Present online: Atiyya (Parent)

A. SLT Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2023

1. Approved the minutes.

B. Bylaws

1. Reviewed and approved revised bylaws by unanimous vote.

C. Committee Updates

1. PA (Moji)
 - a. Discussed enrollment at a PA meeting several weeks ago. Started an enrollment committee. Seeking a graphic design person to redesign a flyer for the school.
 - b. Also met regarding fundraising, intent to start a committee.
 - c. Set a date in April for the auction, before spring recess.
 1. Food and gift cards sell well. Donut Plant, Shake Shack, Seventh Street Burger, Tony's restaurant, Pliable.
 - d. Also held a meeting focused on special education, heard from parents whose children have IEPs.
 1. Gabriel: Suggest that the same group meet again and identify what would be most helpful from the school as a next step.
 - e. Ideas include increased social media presence, afterschool.
 - f. Gabriel has attempted to initiate a school Instagram account multiple times, without success to date. Stephanie can assist.
 - g. Next meeting is Tuesday, December 19, 8:30 am, in person and hybrid. With Spanish interpretation.
2. Friends of CPE1 (Anika)
 - a. Anika no longer a member of Friends; Atiyya is a member and can provide updates to SLT.
3. Faculty Council
 - a. Nothing to report.
 - b. Met 12/5.
4. Teaching and Learning
 - a. There will be a revised Progress Reporting template, to address concerns that (1) the narratives did not always sufficiently convey students' academic performance and standing, and (2) teachers dedicated immeasurable time and effort to narratives that in some cases families did not read or did not read thoroughly.

- b. MOAB scale: Mastery with independence, On target with a little adult support, Approaching and needing a lot of adult support to meet the standard, and Basic meaning at a beginning level and needing significant support.
- c. This is a big change, and will also include, for example, math standards tied to each grade.
- d. There will remain a section for brief narrative comments.
- e. The new template is an intentionally different approach, conveying different information.
- f. How to roll out?
 - 1. Samples in advance.
 - 2. Explanation in a letter.
 - 3. Explicit invitation for parents to contact teachers with questions or for discussion.
 - 4. Maybe discuss at a PA meeting? A community coffee?
- g. Kent: Could regular updates at the SLT meeting include reports from teachers from each grade band about the current topics in class?

D. Finances (Gabriel)

- 1. Midyear adjustment was minus-\$37,000, based on lower enrolment figures, but we expect a recoupment in the spring based on funding for students with IEPs.
- 2. Anika: there are hearings scheduled on the future of mayoral control. Could PA organize parents to attend meetings? School employees cannot. Crises bring people out.
- 3. Gabriel: Projections for next year reflect 140 children K-8, which is the current number, and only 14 children anticipated in ICT; we have 25 now but 11 are graduating. Even if we have more than 140 children, and more than 14 students with IEPs, we won't have the money to start the year. That's approximately \$100,000 less money, which will give us less flexibility. Precarious financial position, similar to two years ago.
 - a. Possible to appeal the projections but at the moment there is little basis. We anticipate more students with IEPs than projected, but perhaps not a significant number.

E. Governance

- 1. Not discussed except for the bylaws, above.

F. Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP)

- 1. Attendance.
 - a. Kent: can we put together a survey to distribute electronically during the Winter Concert?
 - b. Laura: we will need questions, plan for rollout.
 - c. Kent will send questions, by Monday.

G. Miscellaneous

- 1. The Chair and other members expressed interest in renewing our conversation about the nature of the SLT's work.
- 2. Next meeting: January 18 at 3:45. Further meetings February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 13.