

**PUBLIC SCHOOL 139
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**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

Ms. Irene Varon. SLT Chairwoman, called this meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. The meeting was held in the school library.

- Agenda:**
- 1. Call to order and approval of the minutes dated September 28, 2016**
 - 2. CEP**
 - 3. Reports**
 - Parents Association Report**
 - UFT Report**
 - Principal's Report**
 - 4. Meeting dates**

Corrections to minutes dated September 28, 2016: Goal: additions: to create supportive environment; by June 2017 suspensions will be reduced.

Motion made to accept the minutes dated September 28, 2016 with the above corrections.

CEP

Annual Goal 5B and Action Plan to create a supportive environment

- By June 2017, suspense numbers will be reduced**
- There will be a reduction in level 3 and 4 incidences**
- There are three full-time guidance counselors who serve specific grades**
- Staff members will be trained in Responsive Classroom on strategies to lower confrontational incidents. The goal of a behavior program is to advise and guide those students who are having difficulty understanding what acceptable behavior means and to help them change negative behavior to positive behavior. An example is that a confrontational voice tone will not be used since it tends to create belligerence. Students will be instructed in social skills.**
- A behavior specialist will visit the school monthly to assist the school in helping those students who need to develop social skills.**
- For Special Ed. – modifications will be made to meet the needs of students with disabilities. More than one strategy will be utilized to reach students. After all strategies have been exhausted, a meeting will be called with the guidance counselor, the special ed. teacher, and parent to create a plan.**
- Out-of-classroom teachers will receive training in strategies on how to modify a student's behavior.**
- Some students may not be aware that they are at risk and that they may ask for help.**

Parents Association Report

- **Family Fun Day October 28th**
- **Harvest Night – October 27th - 5:30 p.m.**
- **Fund raiser – Ms. Chocolate order was sent in. The PA did well. Volunteers are needed to help with distribution.**
- **Book Fair – November 1st – November 4th Volunteers are needed to assist at the book sale.**
- **The PA needs volunteers to assist at school-related events.**
- **Daffodil planting and fall garden cleanup – November 6th 10:00 – 12:00 a.m.**
- **PA general meeting - November 17th 8:30 a.m.**

UFT Report

- **The NAACP called for a moratorium on the expansion of charter schools until they are subject to the same standards and educate the same range of students as public schools. The UFT Delegate Assembly approved a resolution to support the NAACP's stance on equity for all children. The union resolution pointed to DOE data showing that charter schools in New York City do not accept or keep or keep the same number of students with disabilities, homeless children, or English language learners as public schools. Also, charter schools account for 42% of the city's suspensions although they educate only 7% of the students.**
- **The latest news and information for various UFT divisions and departments is available on Twitter. For the elementary schools division: @UFT Elementary; the UFT middle schools division @UFTMS Division; the UFT high schools division @UFTHS; UFT Bronx borough office @BBOUFT; UFT Brooklyn borough office @UFT Brooklyn office; UFT Manhattan borough office @UFTMBO; UFT Safety and Health Department @UFTSafety; UFT Paraprofessionals chapter @UFTParas; representatives from District 75 @D75uft; the UFT Alliance of Charter Teachers and Staff @UFTACTS**

Principal's Report

- **Kudos to all who assisted in the garden-to-table event. The food served was delicious. Our students learned first-hand the source of food and bringing reality to how food goes from garden to table.**
- **P.S.139 has a music therapy program from the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music.**
- **Parents on the Grant Committee are looking for grants to expand it.**
- **Reading Rescue – paras are working with 66 students to bring them up to the benchmark in reading.**
- **Parent/Teacher conferences November 3rd.**
- **Lost and Found - lost items will be put out in the cafeteria during Parent-Teacher Conferences so that parents will have the opportunity to retrieve their children's lost belongings when they are visiting on November 3rd. Unclaimed items will be donated.**
- **The school's Quality Review will take place November 15th. A reviewer from the DOE assesses the school's functioning and rates the school.**
- **Superintendent Bove will visit the school in January.**
- **Parents will meet with Ms. McDonald to screen candidates.**

This meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Next meeting date: November 28, 2016 4:30 p.m. school library

