



School Leadership Team: October 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members present (virtually, via Google Meet):

School Staff: Robin Edmonds (Principal), Amy Dulsky Little (UFT), Kendall Bayer (Teacher), Janilda Valentin (Teacher), and Stephanie Santos (Teacher)

Parent Representatives: Michelle Bell (Parent), Prabal De (Parent), and Carolyn Coffey (Parent)

Meeting started at 7:13 a.m.

Updates re Staffing

We still have two vacancies (kindergarten and parent coordinator), but there is still a hiring freeze per the DOE.

Update re Remote Learning

Robin said that 60 percent of the students at Amistad are remote only. The next opt-in should be around November 30, but there has been nothing in writing. Four schools in District 6 have tested positive and have shut down for up to two weeks. There have been no positive tests at Amistad yet. The first random testing occurred Friday, and it went well: students who had consented were tested along with staff at the same time. There have been no problems with mask-use: have only had to hand out a few so far. The building has a daytime cleaner and the custodial staff has been great. There is a nurse assigned while Amistad's nurse is deployed.

Technology Update

Amistad has provided chromebooks with touchscreens for the younger children. Robin noted there is a worldwide shortage of computers. The DOE must configure every device. Amistad has resolution money to replace 300 devices. The wifi situation is challenging for some students. Prabal suggested using hotspot devices. Robin has tasked Sherri with researching technology and wifi options. Equity between the blended and remote learning options continues to be a challenge, and adjustments are still being made, including more break-out sessions and more live sessions.

PTA

The PTA has a meeting and will be holding elections Monday.

Other

The marking period ends soon, but the shift to blended learning won't be for another month.

The meeting ended at 8 a.m.