

751 PTA Meeting

July 16, 2020

Minutes recorded by Jordana Mendelson, Scretar, 751 PTA

Present:

Parents:

Alexandria Caraballo

Anisa Cortez

Brianna Hernandez

Corinna Choy

Debra Vazquez

Margie Dienstag, PTA Co-President

Naisir Campbell

Jordana Mendelson, PTA Recording Secretary

Regina Horne

Reyna Ponce

Vannessa bumbury

Wai Kong

Staff:

Asterita Ewa

Rosa Thomas

Stillwagon Kaitlyn, PTA, Teacher members

Tuck Melody, PTA, Teacher member

Yitzchok Herskovich, PTA, Teacher member

Cortes Yvonne

Agenda: DOE Survey Request and Remote Learning Plan

Principal Asterita gave an overview of the DOE survey results and the Chancellor's slides explaining the different options schools have to consider, including developing its own model and requesting an exemption from the DOE's models.

Among these options the "one week on, one week off" appears to be the best suited for our school

Principal Asterita also reviewed space, distribution of students, social distancing guidelines, evolving guideless regarding mask use for students, all in relation to CDC guidelines and those provided by the city and state. In terms of capacity, our school has to consider not only the number of students in a room but also the support staff per student.

During the discussion with parents, many questions were raised about PPE in the school, sanitizing of school building, protections for office and security staff (plex glass stands), and questions about how to handle masks and sensory issues/behavior for our students.

Other questions focused on class cohort, remote platform, teachers on line and in person (same staff for both? All staff from MSCD?).

Principal Asterita explained that this is still an evolving process as staff can ask for accommodation so they can work remotely, total number of students remote versus in person/hybrid is not yet know, how the city will deal with bussing is also not yet known.

Several parents expressed concerns about their child returning to the school building in September, and of those parents who answered a quick survey in the chat, almost all will be choosing 100% remote. However, parents who have to work out of the home full time expressed reservations about their kids returning to the building, but it's also unclear what choices parents may have [after our meeting Mayor De Blasio announced free childcare for those who qualify to accommodate the time students are not in school].

Even though most of the parents who attended the July 16 meeting indicated they would choose 100% remote, several commented that they might reconsider hybrid model later on and also indicated that were they to send their children back to school the only feasible option (to plan for work and childcare) would be the full week on, full week off option. No one expressed support for the other options presented by the Chancellor.