



P.S. 135Q: The Bellaire Magnet School of Exploration through the Arts

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Attendance: D. Graf (principal), M. Ramlogan (assistant principal), D. Paternostro (teacher), L. Tarello (teacher), S. Bonetti (teacher), S. Jones (UFT Rep), S. Persaud (parent), R. Parvin (parent)

C-30 Process:

- The group discussed if there were any reasons we felt that Ms. Evans should be the AP. There were no objections. The SLT went through the Process that the C-30 provided.

SLT Plan to transition into In-Person:

- At the most recent principals' meeting, Jordan Nickels addressed that format of School Leadership Team meetings. It was expressed that SLT meetings should start to be held in person. It was expressed that there are some challenges for parents to attend the meeting in person. For example, some parents are working and attend the meeting on their lunch or break. He understood this concern and suggested a gradual transition to a fully in-person meeting.
- As a group it was decided that one addition member will begin attending in person each month until full in-person participation is achieved. The meeting time has also been changed from 3:00 to 2:30.

Budget:

- As of now we are under our enrollment by 48 students. This means next year they will drop our projected enrollment by 50 if we do not get the allotted amount by 10/31. Most of our enrollment is down in



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kindergarten. We were expecting to have classes of at least 20 kids, but at this time we only have 13 kids in each class.

- At this time we do not have excess any staff. However, next year we might have to close a first grade class (kindergarten that is moving up).

Magnet Funds and Next Steps:

- At this time, our magnet funds are being withheld, which has affected our afterschool programs. In an effort to continue some of these programs grant money will be used to support programs. Some of these programs:
 - 4th Grade Art Residency
 - Canva 4th and 5th Grade
 - Lego kindergarten and 1st Grade
 - Photography Program: 3rd Grade
 - Mind & Body Fusion Program: 2nd Grade
 - Instrument Instruction will still be held by Mr. P
 - The school will also continue with ENL Chorus and ENL Saturday STEAM Program.
 - Student Government will meet during the school day
 - Bellaire Buzz will meet at least 1x per month
- This will not affect our PBL curriculum this year, it may have some impact in the coming year due to lack of funding.
- The school is looking into applying for Grants next year.

Coffee with Admin Survey:



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- During the October Coffee with Admin the Schools Safety was discussed with parents. Respect for All was also discussed.
- Parents completed a survey which consisted of:
 - Many felt their child was safe in the school building.
 - Parents expressed they would like to have Parent Workshops in Academics, especially Math. They feel this will help them understand what their child is learning and could better assist them. The PD Committee will be creating these Parent Workshops and host them at the Coffee With Admin.
 - Many expressed they like the new line-up and dismissal. They like that 2nd grade was broken up, but to be mindful if there are a set of twins.
 - Many parents expressed they would like to have PTC back in person. Ms. Graf will explain that this is a contractual and we don't have a say at this time. However, she will inform the parents they can still meet with teachers in person on their prep or Mondays. Next year's SBO we will make sure that the parent's voice is heard at the meeting with the teachers.

CEP Goals:

- We will email the goal we will discuss prior to the next meeting date. Each member will bring their thoughts and they will discuss it at the next STL Meeting.

PTA News:



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- PTA meetings will be held hybrid on the 2nd Friday of each month at 2:30. The first meeting will be held on November 2nd.
- November 14th will be picture day.
- Ms. Persaud was able to get a \$200 voucher from Hick's to provide pumpkins for Magnet Night. These pumpkins will be raffled off to the families that attend.

Vision

At P.S. 135, we nurture lifelong learners in a safe, supportive space, fostering independent problem solvers and a community where every student is valued and ready to thrive.

Mission

Our mission at P.S. 135, The Bellaire School, is to foster a safe and nurturing environment where every student feels empowered to take academic risks and explore their creativity through the arts.