



# PS 159

## Isaac Pitkin School

School Leadership Team Minutes March 3, 2026

Time 3:30 PM

Room: 101

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Agenda	Discussion
Attendance	Neffertiti Lee (Principal) Carla Jennings (AP) Emily Oh (Instructional Coach) Shanequa Jennings (Instructional Coach) Richard Martello (UFT) Nishat Fabia (Teacher) Amanda Martinez (PTA) Rudeana Ford (PTA) Annette Lacoot-Hylton (PTA) Josie Rodriguez (PTA) Keita Charles (PTA)
Review of Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.</li></ul>

<p>CEP Priority 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CEP Priority 1: <b>-All students need to learn to read well</b></li> <li>● The team reviewed MOY data.</li> <li>● Some of the findings included: 55% of ELLs are far below grade level in NWEA Reading. 38% of IEP students are far below grade level in NWEA Reading. School grew 8% in NWEA reading. First, third and kindergarten are in the quadrant that shows achievement and growth. Second and fifth grade show growth but low achievement.</li> <li>● Middle of the year data shows growth overall.</li> <li>● A parent inquired about what the data that excludes ELLs and IEP students looks like. What is the general education data like?</li> <li>● General education data shows more proficiency; greater than 50 percent of the students are proficient.</li> <li>● Acadience reading scores showed growth in the lower grades.</li> <li>● Kindergarten: Out of the 29 students in the red BOY, 6 of them moved to on or below in the MOY.</li> <li>● First grade Acadience showed the most growth. In the BOY 28% were on level, and in the MOY that increased to 52%</li> </ul>
<p>CEP Priority 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CEP Priority 4: <b>All students graduate college and career ready and have a strong plan and pathway to economic security</b></li> <li>● There will be a big push to increase the NYC KIDS RISE accounts for students. We only have 21% students enrolled. Our goal is to create a 10% increase to 31%.</li> <li>● An idea was brought up to train teachers so they can help with NYC KIDS RISE. Parents reach out to teachers, but teachers are not fully aware of the platform and initiative.</li> <li>● The NYC KIDS RISE will be promoted at PTC and additional flyers will be sent home.</li> </ul>

<p>Parent Events/ Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Valentine's Day Dance was successful. 50 students attended the party.</li> <li>● The School Survey initiative for parents is going well. There are 5-6 classes who already have 100% surveys submitted. These classes will be winning a movie/ icy party.</li> <li>● Snacks are being sold every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.</li> <li>● Juneteenth BBQ is planned for June 18.</li> <li>● EOY Senior trip will be on June 19th to Nickelodeon.</li> <li>● There is a tentative May movie night that will be held outside.</li> <li>● Class parent initiative needs to be strengthened. An idea was for them to assist with the monthly birthday parties. One way could be to create a whatsapp group.</li> </ul>
<p>Principal/ AP Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Lee spoke about MTSS. Three different organizations are tutoring students: Enriched, Brainstrust, and Tutor by Teachers.</li> <li>● Tutor by teachers will not be renewed for grades 3-5 due to test prep season.</li> <li>● More tutors will be added to grades 1-2. 18 students will be added to online tutoring from first grade.</li> <li>● The aim is to expand the amount of students getting small group instruction.</li> <li>● Paras and other teachers are also being trained for small group instructions.</li> <li>● To address our challenges in math, grades 2-5 will receive a math coach for support from Eureka.</li> <li>● We will also be implementing Friday sprints that mock the exam to track student progress.</li> <li>● Saturday Academy will be starting for grades 3-5.</li> <li>● A STEM program for grades 1-2 will be every Tuesday and</li> </ul>

	<p>Thursday. It will start March 17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rosetta stone was not purchased this year for students; however, parents may have the option to use it depending on desire and need.</li> <li>● A dance program will start to teach Bengali dance so that students can perform to celebrate Eid.</li> <li>● Ms. Lee inquired about thoughts on the GRYC afterschool program. A parent gave favorable feedback.</li> <li>● The one year contract will expire at the end of the year, and a 6 year contract will begin.</li> <li>● Beacon will be the program of choice for afterschool. It is used by the other schools in the district.</li> <li>● Summer Rising application opened March 3. Summer rising will be held at PS 159.</li> </ul>
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We will be working together to plan events in the school: PTA will be planning March madness, senior dance, Mother’s Day Sale, Egg hunt.</li> <li>● Promotion in doubt workshop along with the “Taste for Test” and PEP Rallies will be happening in April.</li> </ul>