



Granville T. Woods P.S. 335

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"Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow"

Kathy Polight, Principal

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**School Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2026 – 3pm**

Members Present:

Kathy Polight, Principal

Marsha Firmin, UFT

Nicole Petit, UFT (Chairperson)

Nicole Stewart, UFT

Karese Howell, Parent Member

Karesha James, Parent Member

Members Absent:

Nakia Campbell, UFT

Shonda Barham, Parent Member

Margaret Jackson, Community School Director

Silent Attendees:

Almonica Barratt, UFT

Dominique Prince, Parent Coordinator

The meeting was called to order.

• **Principal's Report**

Principal Polight opened the meeting by welcoming the team members to the School Leadership Team. The team then reviewed and updated the bylaws. Principal Polight then shared the Class Size Planning and Community Engagement Toolkit presentation, providing an overview of the Class Size Reduction Law and what its implementation means for our school community. She shared that with the additional funding, P.S. 335 was able to open two additional early childhood classes and a Science cluster. She also discussed some of the factors that go into class size planning, such as available classroom space, enrollment, staffing, and scheduling. The team then reviewed the school's Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) goals, with attendance remaining a key focus. Principal Polight shared that last school year's year-to-date attendance was 87% and emphasized the importance of speaking with parents early, before absences become a pattern. Under the new attendance protocol, teachers will be the first point of

contact when a student misses school on consecutive days, followed by support from our Parent Coordinator. At the upcoming Curriculum Night, the Attendance Team will share information with families about the impact of missed school days and ways to support regular attendance. Principal Polight also reported that enrollment has decreased from 184 students at the end of last school year to 176 students currently. She noted a trend of families leaving for charter schools. Ms. James suggested that families may be drawn to what those schools offer, which led to a discussion about how we can better advertise the school and share its strengths with prospective families. Principal Polight also highlighted the school's growth on the ELA and Math state tests and shared that P.S. 335 is among the top five schools in the district for test performance.

- **Parent-Teacher Association Report**

Ms. Howell shared that there will be a Parent Potluck on October 8th. Ms. James also suggested opening a school store to sell P.S. 335 merchandise as a fundraiser. She continued to report that the idea of having a school store will be discussed at the next PTA meeting.

- **Community School Director Report**

There was no Community School Director report at this meeting due to Ms. Jackson's absence.

Looking Ahead

- Discuss school fundraising ideas
- CEP Goals/Progress Monitoring

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026.