

Lincoln Orens Middle School
Island Park, New York
SITE BASED MANAGEMENT TEAM
MINUTES

October 22, 2018

Members Present:

Mrs. Valerie Emerson, Parent Member
Ms. Emilie Bligh, Teacher Member
Mr. Gabriel D'Auria, Teacher Member
Mrs. Jennifer Wilkinson, Teacher Member
Mrs. Joanne Moustakos, Non-Instructional Member
Dr. Bruce Hoffman, Principal

Welcome

Discussion Items

- Minutes from the September 24th, 2018 meeting were approved.
- Discussion centered on the possibility of establishing student announcements via a teleprompter. While this is still a work-in-progress, students would be selected, perhaps through Student Council, but to include all students. Announcers would be advised of expectations. Mr. Ferrante will attend the next Site Based meeting to further explain the need for a green screen and to discuss the media.
- Members will continue to look into the availability of any applicable grants, especially grants regarding studio/film on-screen announcements.
- Dr. Hoffman presented his thoughts on a "community read", pointing out other districts who incorporate the program. The community read, or "book read" is a program that selects a middle school level book to be read by the students and parents of the community. The Librarian, ELA teachers and community library would be on board and the program, hopefully, would be launched in February. Members discussed various incentives to get students "on board" and the fact that students might have the option of either reading the chosen book via the MyOn app or in regular book style. Various book were suggested, such as "Out of My Mind"; "Refugee"; or "Gracefully Grayson".
- As well as decorating the halls/bathrooms etc. with positive sayings, it was also suggested that unbreakable-type mirrors be hung with upbeat messages for students to "see themselves" in a positive way.
- The installation of a "buddy bench" was discussed and perhaps, a bench that had an enclosed space to hold books.
- Members plan to call other schools who used "fence cups" to decorate their fences with their school name and/or logo for their input on ordering the cups.

The next meeting of the Site Based Team is November 26, 2018.

