

Lincoln Orens Middle School

Island Park, New York

SITE BASED MANAGEMENT TEAM

MINUTES

November 18, 2019

Members Present:

Mrs. Hall, Parent Member
Mrs. Straub, Parent Member
Mrs. Emerson, Parent Member
Mrs. Andrea Porzelt, Teacher Member
Mr. Gabe D'Auria, Teacher Member
Mrs. Joanne Moustakos, Non-Instructional Member
Dr. Bruce Hoffman, Principal

Welcome

Discussion Items

- Minutes from the October 21, 2019 meeting were approved.
- Dr. Hoffman thanked the PTA members for the donation of the fence cups and for the volunteers who helped install them. He pointed out that the school's neighbors complimented and were in approval of the new look to the fence.
- The matter of attendance was discussed and the fact that NY state is rating schools on student attendance. Discussion centered on encouraging students to attend school on a regular basis and, on the flip side, to not attend if students are sick. If students are sick, parents should notify the school as to their absence by calling and/or using the on-line absence form. After three days of absence, a doctor's note is required for the student to return to school. Discussion also centered on recognition/incentive for perfect attendance.
- Dr. Hoffman thanked the PTA for bringing in the Long Island Crisis center to present assemblies to students in all grades, addressing subjects on anxiety, stress, and other mental health issues. Another assembly, addressing mental health issues, will be scheduled in January/February.
- Spirit Week will take place the week of December 16th. There are three teams – Blue – Gold and White – with students from each grade on each team. Students sign up for different events that take place each day. The team winner of each event gets points and the points are added up to determine the winning color team. In addition, a penny harvest takes place and the team with the most collected monies, also adds points to their team's score. Spirit week also incorporates themes of different things to wear on different days, concluding with wearing the colors of your team on the last day of Spirit Week.

The next meeting of the Site Based Management Committee is scheduled for December 16, 2019.

