

Attendees: Meredith Hackett, Teresa Bazzi, Annie Giovino, Kim Landman, Ronni Horowitz, Victoria Morey, Colleen Cruz, Travis Rew-Porter, Regina Rodgers, Heather Smith, Elizabeth Garraway, Kass Minor

- Committee Reports:
- PTA:
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- Equity Committee:
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- Unfinished Business:
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- New Business:
 - Reopening Update
 - Remote start date 9/16: This is time for tech setup and to meet the new teacher. No academic instruction yet.
 - Safety concerns: We have lots of PPE and supplies in the building. It's been a little confusing getting them distributed. Teachers have everything they need to feel safe in their rooms at the moment, but don't have all the equipment distributed yet for student arrival building. Still waiting both for deliveries to the building and to the classrooms. PS 118 ordered face shields for every adult in the building. The DOE is going to be providing some face shields. Face shields were not negotiated for every single teacher. They were agreed upon for people with more intimate contact, like speech teachers, Building Response Team, early childhood, (according to UFT, but the DOE sent out a different list). Ms. Garraway goes by the DOE list, so until there's further guidance, only staff on the DOE list will be provided with shields. Nightly spraying has not yet started, despite the fact that there are teachers in the building.
 - If safety agreements have not been met, the building will not open for students. In the news we see teachers not entering buildings for lack of safety materials/protocols. They're being instructed not to enter in these instances.
 - There is not a coordinated effort between DOE and UFT regarding PPE protocols, face shields being one example. There could be teachers who feel uncomfortable and refuse to enter, but admin cannot keep school closed over face shields.
 - Teachers have asked for lots of supplies. When the school runs out of money, we'll be asking the PTA for funds.
 - Every child is supposed to have their temperature taken at home before coming to school. This is on the honor system, and the whole community counts on everyone to follow these rules.
 - The DOE supplied thermometers are not functional. The school has asked the PTA to purchase new thermometers, after filling out the proper documentation with DOE. The PTA should not be responsible for this, but IF we are going to start Monday, it's necessary to have them.

- Ms. Garraway expressed how much time she's spending communicating with the DOE to hold them accountable. She emails and calls daily about promises not met - supplies, teachers, etc.
- Regarding ventilation, Ms. Garraway was told that the current set up poses no risk. Victoria is still waiting for confirmation from that from non-DOE source. Every classroom has a "passive exhaust" not an "active exhaust."
- One parent visitor mentioned asking parents to make donations to buy air purifiers. We discussed the equity issue this raises - parents in a wealthy neighborhood paying for safe air when other schools cannot.
- Ms. Garraway said each school is given a budget and the SLT can decide how to spend this money
- We did NOT get approved for outdoor learning. The city has said we can only close a certain number of streets. What about tents? Outdoor dining across 3 lunch periods in all parts of the schoolyard. Not instructional.
- PS 39 has air purifiers, research will be done but there are serious equity issues.
- Painted schoolyard and signage, will teach into social distancing and handwashing.
- How much time online will students get? DOE sent recommendations that gradually increase and vary by age. Teresa will resend it.
- Problems with teacher:student ratio changing and not enough funding. Teachers doing many roles.
- Math accessibility- Eureka not working great, but given the current circumstance, hard to plan for PD to change approach. Also hard to determine what accessibility will look like in current situation
- SLT currently needs to rely on either the school or PTA to send messages. Elizabeth will notify parents that their email will be shared with SLT, they would need to opt out.
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- Community concerns:
 - Research on air purifiers will be shared with Elizabeth Garraway.
 - Building owned by archdiocese