



# Edward M. Funk Elementary

## P.S. 33 Queens

Principal - Mr. Crispen Thielen  
Assistant Principal - Mr. Paul Arduini  
Assistant Principal (I.A.) - Ms. Robeena V. Darr

### **Attendance**

Crispen Thielen - Principal  
Kristian Lisowski - UFT Representative, Social Studies Teacher  
Robeena Darr - Assistant Principal (I.A.)  
Michelle Hyatt - Parent  
Jessica Sherry - Parent  
Elaine Simpkins - School Aide Supervisor  
Alexa Toto - 3rd Grade Teacher  
Patricia Vaughn - Parent

### **Guests / Advocates:**

Venus Ketchum - Advocate (virtual)

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by Principal Thielen. Quorum was established.

### **Welcome**

### **Review of Previous Items / Meetings**

Review January meeting minutes  
Check in on action steps from previous meeting

### **State Exams (CBT)**

Mr. Thielen discussed the scheduling and implementation of the 2026 NY State Exams.  
ELA - April 14 & 15  
Math - April 28 & 29  
Science - May 13  
Parent Workshop- Feb. 26

### **Budget Items**

Modification Deadline - March 2 - all monies must be scheduled by this date. Mr. Thielen discussed several grants that the school has been awarded this school year.

Arts Grant (\$18,809) - Will be utilized to bring Musical IQ into the building for a drum residency for all grade 3 students.



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Sustainability Grant (\$6,000) - funds will be utilized to fund work done by our Green Team - namely increasing our outdoor garden space and bringing in a consultant to work with Green Team members on increasing sustainability efforts in the school community.

### District Initiative - SPRINT

Mr. Thielen discussed the district Sprint initiative that was rolled out on Feb 9 to help students approaching grade level bridge the gap through engagement with i-Ready instructional lessons. See below for guidelines:

- i-Ready push for students approaching grade level.
- 40 minutes of instruction weekly (by subject)

### March Events

Mr. Thielen discussed various upcoming events at PS 33

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Eid - March 20
- School Surveys / Open labs for families
- D.E.A.R. Day
- March 23 - Grade 4 Recital (Dances Around the World)
- C-30 AP Vacancy

### Questions / Concerns

### Closing