



SCHOOL SAFETY MEETING

January 9, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE: Binta Jalloh-AP Health and Safety, Phyllis Witte-Dean, Karen Boykin-School Aide, Marc Williams-COSA, Barbara Cora-Level III, Charles Pomaro-AP Health and Safety

The school safety committee meeting was convened on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 11:20 AM in room 1W26. Mr. Pomaro began the meeting by welcoming everyone back.

NYPD Issues: Prior to the Christmas holiday there was graffiti in the girls' bathroom. On the wall, someone wrote, "Dec. 21st, I'm going to blow up the school." The NYPD were called.

A senior was found with 3BB guns, 3 sets of brass knuckles and a knife. The police found another 30 BB guns at his house. He was selling them for \$5.00 each. The student received a 90 day suspension.

As a result of this issue, unannounced scanning was implemented the following day at the Center East doors. The electricity was insufficient and a tripped circuit caused scanning to be cancelled.

There have been fires in the bathrooms on the 5th and 6th floors. We believe one fire started due to a student smoking and discarding a lit item into the trash. All the bathrooms in the school were locked except for the bathrooms on the first floor where a school aide was placed outside the bathroom doors to monitor students entering and exiting.

BUILDING ISSUES: When the fire alarm goes off, there will be an announcement to let the teachers know if there is an evacuation or if it was a false alarm. The protocol is for a point person to find out what is going on.

During fire drills, teachers are going outside without some of their students instead of being with their class. They are also congregating together.

The cameras for the building should be operational during the month of April.

There is an issue with students having elevator keys. Some students are selling the keys for \$5, \$10 and \$15. When they get caught they are brought down to the dean's office and are suspended. Students are not allowed to have any property belonging to the DOE.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.