MONTHLY SCHOOL SAFETY
MARCH 6, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE: Binta Jalloh- AP Health and Safety, Charles Pomaro- AP Student/Parent Engagement, David Fanning- AP Organization, Dan Baldwin- UFT Chapter Leader, Marc Williams-COSA, Phyllis Witte- Dean, SSA Melanie White, Karen Boykin- DC37 School Aide, Sgt. Ronald Eason-NYC Parks Dept., Audrey Noniashvili-Student School Safety Rep, Debra McDonald- Secretary

The School Safety Committee meeting was convened on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 11:05 A.M. in room BW10. Ms. Jalloh began the meeting by welcoming everyone and then directed attention to the first item on the agenda.

NYPD/SSA and SCHOOL TEAM BUILDING: Ms. Jalloh stated that NYPD and SSA’s need to work closer together. There are 16 SSA’s working for Brooklyn Tech. Eight SSA’s are at doors leaving eight SSA’s to patrol the cafeteria and hallways. When we had school aides sitting at doors, we had more SSA’s patrolling the school. We are not seen as a dangerous school so we have a problem getting more SSA’s. Staff needs to help during hall passing. Teachers would not be asked to leave their classroom, just to look around the vicinity of their room. Assistant Principals could do a vertical sweep while walking around the school. Whenever an occurrence happens, it has to be reported to the dean’s office so it can be put on Oors.

SAFE CORRIDOR: Rules and regulations are needed for future dances. Students can not go in and out of school once at the dance. More adult presence is needed at doors. If dances were held in the 1st floor gym, they would have to be planned far in advance, but we would have more control over the students. NYPD and Parks Department will have officers outside the school to stop students from moving the party to the park. If a party has to be cancelled, the Parks Department must be contacted. The Parks Department offered to have a Ranger speak to the students and to give an educational tour.

AED/CPR CLASSES: On March 25, 2008 at 9:00 AM-3:00PM there will be an AED/CPR class for 13 staff members who have already signed up. If more staff is interested, possibly another class will be held.

NEW BUSINESS: Dan Baldwin called 311 and urged all UFT members to call 311 to report broken elevators. It is a safety hazard for staff and students. They need to be fixed and upgraded.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.