



**SCHOOL SAFETY MEETING**

JUNE 6, 2008

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Binta Jalloh- AP Health and Safety, Charles Pomaro- AP Student and Parent Engagement, Dan Baldwin-UFT Chapter Leader, Phyllis Witte- Dean, Marc Williams- COSA, Sgt. R. Eason- Parks Department, P.O. St. Claire-88 youth, P.O. Brathwaite-88 Community Affairs and Debra McDonald, secretary, Health and Safety.

The School Safety Committee meeting was convened on Thursday at 11:05 A.M. in room 1W26. Ms. Jalloh began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and then directed attention to the first item on the agenda.

**END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:**

6/10/08	Athletic dinner	6:00 pm-10:00 pm
6/12/08	Senior Academic Awards	6:00 pm-11:00pm
6/13/08	Concert in Auditorium	
6/13/08	Damon Weber	5:00 pm
6/16/08	Academic Awards	6:00 pm
6/19/08	Prom	8:00 pm
6/23	Graduation Rehearsal	8:00 pm-6:00 pm
6/24	Graduation Rehearsal	8:00 pm-6:00 pm
6/25	Graduation	6:00 pm

In order to make sure we have enough SSA’s for security during school affairs, they need to put a permit in 2 weeks prior to the event. SSA’s have a certain amount of hours for overtime they can do. Assistance is needed on both days of graduation rehearsal. School Aides, deans and SSA’s assist every school year during graduation rehearsals and the graduation itself. This year the graduation is at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evening. In past years, morning graduation has had the staff that assisted. This year, we may not have adequate number of staff members at graduation. Graduation time is changed because there are regents’ exams being given that morning.

The Parks Department and NYPD were provided the dates of these events. We will be sending out a letter to parents about using mass transportation on graduation day.

**REVIEW OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS:** Congratulations to the teachers on contacting our office when something goes wrong with their students in the classroom. We will be making a phone list of the emergency numbers for the classrooms to put near the telephones. Teachers will be reminded not to leave students in their classrooms unattended before, during and after school. We will be held liable should anything happen to the students.

There are still problems with graffiti in the school. The cameras are not in working order yet. There are no cameras in the stairways and that is where most of the graffiti occurs.

Usually, when graffiti is found, we take a picture of it and then call custodian so they can erase it. The deans need 100% verification in order to punish a student for graffiti. Graffiti is a crime. If the child is 16 years or older, they can be arrested. If the kids have same tag on notebooks or book bags as it is on the walls you can do a search. We will be displaying posters around the school giving rewards for catching graffiti artists in action. We also must find alternate educational ways of teaching citizenship and school pride to these graffiti artists.

Sergeant Eason of the Parks Department distributed posters on events and programs sponsored by his department.

FYI- These are the tentative School Safety Meeting dates:

9/18/08	02/12/09
10/16/08	03/19/09
11/20/08	04/23/09
12/18/08	05/21/09
01/15/09	06/11/09

All items having been addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

BJ/dm