



SCHOOL SAFETY MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE: Charles Pomaro-AP Health and Safety, P.O. Imbert-NYPD/TD-30, P.O. Schwaner, Level III Cora, Phyllis Witte-Dean, P.O. Santos-88th Precinct, P.O. Wallen-88th Precinct, Lt. Mathews-SSTU, Dan Baldwin-Chapter Leader, Marc Williams- COSA

The School Safety Committee meeting was convened on Friday, October 19 2007 at 11:05 A.M. in room 1W26. Mr. Pomaro began the meeting by welcoming everyone and then directed attention to the first item on the agenda.

SAFETY ISSUES: There is a need for more coverage at the end of the day. The problems are between DeKalb Avenue and the Atlantic train station. The last couple of weeks there has not been enough coverage on the streets.

There was an incident near Schermerhorn Street where two male adults surrounded four of our students. The students refused to give them their money or metro cards and they were punched in the mouth and were given black eyes. This incident happened around 3:45PM.

There have also been some incidents in the park and it was suggested that we reach out to the Parks Department for help. The NYPD want it stressed to parents that the students should not be hanging out in the park.

GRAFFITI TASK FORCE: There has been \$17,000 worth of graffiti damage found since the beginning of the school year. There are four to five kids who have been identified as being responsible. Since the families can't afford the \$5,000 restitution, the kids will be working for the custodians to earn the money. There is graffiti on the southeast corner staircase by OSEPO naming Randy Asher, Charles Pomaro, Crystal Bonds, etc.

The graffiti task force would like someone to come in and speak to the kids who were identified and talk to them about trying to stop "The underground" graffiti mob. The Department of Education does not consider graffiti a crime. It was suggested that the students caught doing the graffiti should be taken on a trip to jail and show them the people who have been sent to prison for it.

Marc Williams brought to Mr. Asher's attention that we should publicize to students that these kids are getting caught and are being punished for example: Community Service. It was also suggested that the graffiti bill should be split up between the graffiti kids.

FIRE DRILLS: The last fire drill took ten minutes to exit the building. Mr. Pomaro would like to get it closer to seven minutes. It also took too long (fifteen minutes) to get everyone back into the building. Some of the other problems are:

- Teachers letting students go and not staying with them,
- Some teachers and students are getting food during the fire drills
- People do not understand the pathways.

Mr. Baldwin suggested a point person directing people which way to go.

INFRACTIONS: There are some infractions that are not suspensionable for example: using the elevator, wearing a hat, not giving their ID to an adult

The old weight room (BW9) can now be used as the SAVE room. Students can either sit in the room before first period or after last period.

HALLOWEEN: There are students that will come to school that are mischievous enough to bring stuff. It was suggested that we send out a notice on the following: Identity cannot be concealed, cancel all after school activities, there will be a regular dismissal, sweep the building and make sure all students have exited.

LOST AND FOUND: The lost and found will now be located in room BW9.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.