



SCHOOL SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2009 @ 11:15 am

Attendance: Dan Baldwin, UFT Chapter Chair; Nicky Chen, Student Rep; SSA Jackson, Level III; David Newman, AP Health & Safety

I. Congestion of Students in Hallways After School

- a. At the end of the school day, David Newman observed students lying on the floor and hanging around inside the school building. These students are not members of clubs or teams and are, therefore, unsupervised.
- b. Mr. Newman will have two deans perform sweeps daily @ 3:00 pm starting on Tuesday, March 24 and ending Friday, March 27 removing students from the school building who do not belong to a club or team, offering them the option of joining one if they want to remain in the building after the school day is over.

II. Second Term Fire Drills

- a. The spring alarm schedule will be distributed school-wide after the break.
- b. The dates will be announced at the next safety meeting.

III. Elevators

- a. Mr. Newman recently discovered, as per the principal, that students are allowed to use the elevators again, but certain elevators designated for students only.
- b. Sometimes students who ride on the same elevators as staff are disrespectful to them. Often times staff does not feel it is their responsibility to enforce which elevators the students should ride in. The biggest problem with the elevators is overcrowding, too many students riding in a single elevator at once.

IV. Robberies

- a. Several robberies have occurred over the last few weeks. Today, three students made statements to Mr. Newman that they broke into approximately 100 lockers. The lockers were located in unlocked classrooms, not the gym locker rooms. Agent Jackson inquired if those lockers were assigned to students, and Mr. Newman replied affirmatively.
- b. The stolen items were returned to Mr. Newman and disciplinary action is pending.
- c. Mr. Newman will get out the word to students that if they have been missing personal items from their lockers, they should come to the dean's office to possibly identify them.
- d. There was a robbery of school equipment approximately two weeks ago that was returned and disciplinary action has been implemented

V. New Business

- a. Nicky Chen requests more safety agent police presence on Dekalb Avenue at the end of the school day, because he feels that with the congestion, students need more safety. After standing on Dekalb Avenue for 30 minutes he observed that there was no safety agent presence. Agent Jackson clarified that beyond certain perimeters of the school, the police must come in and do a sweep and that there should be a squad car present daily. She suggests that the best remedy for that situation is for students to continue moving to their destinations and not hang around.
- b. Dan Baldwin inquired about a safety agent being available at the northwest entrance before 7:30 a.m. so that staff can enter. Agent Jackson clarified that safety agents do not come to work until 7:30 a.m. and then they must do administrative routines before going to the entrance.
- c. Mr. Newman said that for the last month he has had success getting into the building from the northwest entrance. The remedy: go through the center section if the entrance is locked.