



**SCHOOL SAFETY MEETING**

*SEPTEMBER 24, 2008*

**IN ATTENDANCE:** David Newman-Coordinator Health and Safety, Charles Pomaro- AP Parent Engagement, Phyllis Witte- Dean, Charise Jackson- Level III Security, Marc Williams- COSA, Ronald Eason-NYC Dept. of Parks, Philip Milo- NYC Dept. of Parks, Nicky Chen- Student Government Organization, Dan Baldwin- UFT Chapter Leader, David Fanning- Assistant Principal Organization, P.O.

Brathwaite- 88<sup>th</sup> Precinct, P.O. St. Claire- 88<sup>th</sup> Precinct

The school safety committee meeting was convened on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 11:15 AM in room 1W26. Mr. Newman began the meeting by introducing himself and then directed attention to the first item on the agenda.

**FIRE DRILLS-** We need to have 8 fire drills by December 1, 2008. We have had one rapid dismissal so far, which went well. On Friday, October 31, 2008 there will be a rapid dismissal fire drill at 11:55 AM. There will be parent/teacher conferences that afternoon.

**SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS-** The police from the 88<sup>th</sup> precinct patrol the safe corridor during dismissal between DeKalb Avenue to Flatbush Avenue. They are trying to get students to avoid using the park. If they use the park, they can not hang out. There have been too many robberies involving our students as victims. Students have been getting I-pods, phones and other electronic devices stolen.

Lately, there have been problems with dogs running after students during gym classes in the park. The Parks Department stated that they are going to start doing dog detail. When people have their dogs off the leashes they will be getting tickets.

There has been an unbelievable amount of school robberies. Some students see school as a business rather than to receive an education. There were seven book bags stolen in one day. Hopefully word gets out that Mr. Newman and Mr. Asher are taking a proactive approach to end these crimes in school. Unfortunately, six of our students were arrested in the last three weeks. Everybody who has been involved in helping with these incidents has been very helpful, especially Level III Jackson, Detective Orego and Detective Barbie of the 88<sup>th</sup> precinct.

**SUSPENDED STUDENTS-** We have three suspended students on superintendant suspension. They were caught robbing other students.

**NEW BUSINESS-** Students that come in early or do not have a first period can go to the cafeteria. The students can go to their classes five minutes before the class begins.

**CAFETERIA-** Students are complaining that it is taking them about 15 minutes to get into the lunchroom. Part of the problem is that the students do not have their ID ready; it takes longer to swipe because they have to be put in manually. We are also considering adding another scanning machine.

**CAMERAS-** When the cameras go live there will be signs stating “you are subject to videotape”. Parents and students will receive a letter once they do go live. There will be cameras in the cafeteria, hallways, library, gym areas, stairwells and hallways. These cameras will enable the school to be more proactive and successful at controlling bad behavior.

There is an ongoing problem during 9<sup>th</sup> period by the library. There have been many students going to the library during 9<sup>th</sup> period. When there is no more room the library locks their doors. Students do not leave, they linger in the hallway and wait to see if they can get in which causes problems in the hallway. If teachers can step out into the hallway to get the kids to leave that would be very helpful. The students that do not have a 9<sup>th</sup> period class need a place to stay other than the library. We will ask Mr. Guddemi if there is any available space in the cafeteria for them to wait for their after school activities.

**SPECIAL EVENTS-**

EVENT	DATE	TIME
SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION TESTS	October 25, 2008	7:30 am-4:30 pm
SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION TESTS	October 26, 2008	7:30 am-4:30pm
SPECIALIZED HIGHT SCHOOL ADMISSION TESTS	November 8, 2008	7:30 am-4:30 pm

There will be two exams given on Saturday and Sunday of October 25&26. There will be approximately 5,000 students during each exam. At one point, during the dismissal of the morning exam and the arrival of the afternoon exam, there will be approximately 10,000 students crossing paths. Traffic will be blocked off and there will be an excessive amount of street congestion. The NYPD will be in attendance.