



## SCHOOL SAFETY MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE: David Newman-Coordinator Health and Safety, Charles Pomaro-AP Parent and Student Engagement, Level III Jackson, Dan Baldwin-Chapter Leader, Marc Williams- COSA , Sgt. Ronald Eason-Parks Department, Nicky Chen-Student Government,

The School Safety Committee meeting was convened on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 11:15 A.M. in room BW10. Mr. Newman began the meeting by welcoming everyone and then directed attention to the first item on the agenda.

FIRE DRILLS: We just had our fourth fire drill on Monday, October 20, 2008. The fire drill took eight minutes which is significantly better than the first one. It was brought to our attention that some teachers are reluctant to leave their classroom when the fire drill goes off. They wait about two minutes so their class will be the last to leave and the first to come back in. This is unacceptable. We can not hold kids in the classroom.

INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER: Involuntary transfers have never been done in the school before. We are in the process of transferring three students. We are trying to get rid of the students that do not go to class and prey on other students. They have been robbing and stealing belongings from other students. In one case, one of these students used a screwdriver as a weapon to rob another student. These students are all 17 years old.

SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL EXAM- The specialized high school exam is scheduled for October 25, 26, 2008 and November 8, 2008. There are two sessions on Saturday and Sunday. The students will be let in at 7:30 am and 12:30 pm. They will be dismissed at 11:30 am and 3:30 pm. November 8, 2008 times are pending. 88<sup>th</sup> precinct will be assisting in getting the kids in the school and help maintain order around the perimeter. Parks Department will also be assisting.

HALLOWEEN- During Halloween a hand out is usually sent to students and parents. It was not handed out this year in order to save paper. October 29, 2008-October 31, 2008 Mr. Williams will be announcing the dress code for that day during morning announcements. The students will be allowed to wear costumes as long as it meets the dress code policy and they do not conceal their identity with masks or face paint. There will be more sweeps than usual during this day. Halloween is a ½ day with periods 1,3,9 and 10. There will be a rapid dismissal after 10th period. There are only 90 students during 10<sup>th</sup> period. No students will be allowed back in the school until parent/teacher conferences. If there are students that help faculty, stage works, etc., please advise Mr. Newman with a list.

SAFE CORRIDOR- Corridors seem to be safe during dismissal. We have not had any students come to us within the last few weeks about being mugged, etc. There is still a gathering of students on St. Felix and DeKalb Avenue. The 88<sup>th</sup> precinct has a police van on that street and while they have been great, we need them to push the kids along a little more diligently. The parks department has been giving tickets to owners of dogs which are unleashed.

NEW BUSINESS- Good Day New York will be coming to Tech to tape a Pep Rally from 7:00 am-8:30 am in the auditorium. They will begin setting up at 5:00 am. Any student that does not have a class is invited to join. First period classes have been invited. If a teacher did not sign up for a screening, the student has to attend his/her class.

ELEVATOR ISSUES: Student elevators are not turned on in the morning for students. Faculty members are kicking students off the elevators that they are allowed to use. The other day there were four students stuck in the elevator and one of them decided to climb out through the hatch and open the doors. As you know, that creates a very dangerous situation. It is not a good idea for students to use elevators without supervision. Too many bad things can happen.

If it is decided that the elevators are to be open to the students, then the elevators should be turned on.

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