JANUARY MONTHLY SCHOOL SAFETY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010


The School Safety Committee meeting was convened on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 10:15 A.M. in room 1W26. Mr. Newman began the meeting by welcoming everyone and then directed attention to the first item on the agenda.

SENIOR PRIVILEGE: Student government has submitted a proposal to the principal that he wanted us to review and give a recommendation on. The proposal is to allow the seniors with an 85 average or higher to be able to leave the school building for lunch.

Pros:
- Will motivate students to maintain a high average in their classes

Cons:
- Concerns about fallout from neighborhood residents/community
- Students will be picked up for truancy by NYPD although they are legitimately outside
- Students cannot bring food or drinks back into building. This will cause students to sit on neighborhood private property and leave their garbage around
- This will exacerbate cutting issues
- Major concern is safety. There is not enough NYPD on patrol to secure the perimeter for the students.
- The students will be prime targets for muggings/criminals

Dean Witte brought up the idea about having an in-house lounge for the seniors.

The committee has decided not to recommend this proposal for implementation.

Perimeter/Outside Criminal Activity: Parents are expressing concern for their children safety before and school and for those who stay late for clubs/teams. NYPD school patrols begin at 9:30 am after our students are in the building. Thefts are happening earlier than 9:30 am. In addition, NYPD school patrols end at 5:30 rendering those who leave later more open to becoming victims of crimes. Criminals are all too often looking for I-pods, cell phones, or any electronic device. They usually ask the victim for the time to see what type of phone they possess.

Distribution of Safety Plan: The Safety Plan has been approved by the NYPD. If anything has to be amended or altered please bring it to Mr. Newman’s attention.
Upcoming Events:

1/26/10- There will be a rally to “Save the Schools” at 4:00 pm in the auditorium. We are expecting 3,000 people.

1/29/2010- Senior Winter Trip- Students will be arriving at 12:00 pm. There will be stations set up along the first floor for luggage check. The students will wait in the auditorium until it is time to leave for the trip.

NEW BUSINESS- It seems there needs to be a dress code for sporting events. Boys have their shirts off with painted chests. Girls want to paint their bellies while wearing sports bras. This is inappropriate attire school and violates the school dress code.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM.

DN/dm