



SLT Minutes

February 8, 2006

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| ✓ R. Asher, I.A. Principal | ✗ H. Gleich, UFT Chair | ✗ V. McBeth, PTA |
| ✓ C. Bonds, APO | ✓ R. Hardmond, UFT | ✓ D. Bowman, PTA |
| ✓ M. Mandery, BTHS Foundation | ✓ M. Weiner, UFT | ✓ R. White-Owen, PTA |
| ✓ J. Ha, Student | ✓ B. Glasse, Secretary | ✓ C. Wong, PTA |
| ✓ I. Yu, Student | | ✗ A. Pollard, PTA |
- Guest(s): Cheryl K. Jones, Parent; Keisha Husband, Parent Coordinator;

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES

December minutes reviewed and accepted.

II. REPORTS

Curriculum Committee

- Honors Selection Process
- The Curriculum Committee will extend an invitation for more members to join that reflect representation of each department because input is valued from all departments. A letter will be drafted that includes: when the committee meets, what topics are being worked on, the benefit of joining the committee, etc.
- A proposal was made and consensus was met to postpone the Honors selection until the new principal is appointed to add input.

Technology Committee (as reported by M. Mandery)

- **Instructional Technology Teacher Center**
School Construction Authority (SCA) has informed us that the bid process has been completed and construction will begin March 2006.
- **Update on Cable Wiring / Phone System**
The wire installation starts from the top floors down. Installation will take a full school year. Ms. Bonds read a letter from IBM with a progress update. There are three phases: Phase I, wire installation; Phase II, Custom Computers does their installation; Phase III, telephone system installation.

CEP Evaluation/Update

- February 2006 document distributed to every member
- Translational Services
\$15,000 was allocated to Brooklyn Tech for translational services, verbal or written communication, translational devices, etc. to meet the needs of the non-English speaking population of parents. Open House pamphlets have been translated into four (4) languages beside English—Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Urdu. Translators from the staff will assist on occasion for “per session” rate of pay.

School Issues

- *Safety around the school*
There have been recent incidents of students fighting outside of the school. After investigating it was found that the source was an isolated fight that escalated to include family members. Once the culprits were identified, the problem was diffused and there have been no more incidents.
- *Custodial Issues*
 - (a) The issue of students jumping in the stairwell is being resolved. Students are removing the **DO NOT JUMP** signs from the stairs. A suggestion was made for custodians to spray the warnings on the steps.
 - (b) The elevator project is in full swing. The D and E elevators are repaired and have been signed off. The A, B, and H elevators are shut down and are under repair. For the March SLT meeting Ms. Bonds will bring an update from the elevator contractors about the completion time for the repairs.
 - (c) At present NO elevator goes to the 8th floor. Suggestions for elevator use are:
 1. Elevators can stop at odd floors on the way up and even floors on the way down.
 2. An elevator attendant on two elevators, one at each end of the building.
 3. The elevator can be operated by key only.

Parent Association (PA) Update

- The PA received a \$5,000 grant from Loews for gardening on the school grounds
- \$12,000 was donated for teacher grants by the PA
- 110 students signed up for SAT prep with Princeton Review
- There will be a *Celebrate Tech Night* (suggestion: let it occur simultaneously with BTHS's homecoming)
- The PA distributed major course selection process information at its meeting
- The New York Software Industry Association is promoting BTHS on its website. They are soliciting donations for hardware that meet the criteria of the PA.

Guidance: Visions for Success

- A curriculum has been developed from 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens by Sean Covey to assist students who are struggling academically in their freshman year. Freshmen who failed three or more classes during the first semester were chosen for the program. Staff met with parents, guidance counselors, and assistant principals. The program requires attendance two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday, during ninth and tenth periods. The classes commenced at the beginning of the spring term. The classes are taught by assistant principals. Success of the program will be measured by passing grades and a positive change in the student's attitude. Ms. Bonds will provide a copy of the curriculum for Visions of Success for the SLT committee for the March meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- R. Hardmond suggests AP tutorial program commence immediately after students' return from mid-winter recess break. He further suggests that the students meet twice a week for AP review.
- During the register loss review, Tech suffered a loss of funds due to poor attendance records. New attendance procedures will be developed in the near future.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2006, 4:30 P.M.