SLT Minutes
December 14, 2005

✓  L. McCaskill, Principal
✓  C. Bonds, APO
✓  M. Mandery, BTHS Foundation
✓  J. Ha, Student
✓  H. Gleich, UFT Chair
✓  R. Hardmond, UFT
✓  M. Weiner, UFT
✓  B. Glass, Secretary
✓  V. McBeth, PTA
✓  D. Bowman, PTA
✓  R. White-Owen, PTA
✓  C. Wong, PTA
✓  A. Pollard, PTA

Guest(s): Cheryl K. Jones, Parent; Keisha Husband, Parent Coordinator;

Meeting commenced at 4:35 p.m.

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES
November minutes reviewed and accepted.

II. REPORTS

Curriculum Committee
Honors Selection Process (C. Bonds)
• The first draft was distributed during the meeting and a discussion ensued.
  Q: Will placement exams be created for eligibility? A: Exam administered after criteria is met.
  Q: When will exam be given? A: Between April and May for scheduling purposes.
• Students already in honors will remain in honors as long as they keep up their grades.
• Next step: AP’s will address what constitutes an honors course. A proposal was made by Ms. Owen to present a draft to each department for review and feedback. Follow up is scheduled for the February 2006 meeting.

Technology Committee (M. Mandery)
Blackboard (course management software product)
• A demo was requested and set up for February 2006. It is not advisable to grow too rapidly because there may not be enough staff to support the volunteers. Blackboard could be used for posting special projects, homework, lesson plans, etc. It is relatively easy to learn.

Technology Room Update (Instructional Technology)
• There was a core team trained by Blackboard. Technology reached out to faculty for volunteer teachers next semester. A multi-media cart is provided. Forty-one teacher volunteers from every department including librarians came forward (13 teams and 3 groups.) Introductory sessions were offered. Follow up is scheduled for common time on 12/19/05. A strategy is being created to make scanners available. Alum and his wife made generous donation to be spread out over five years. Intranet capability is a possibility. The T-1 line is present technology used for wiring but building is being wired for a T-3 line. We are looking to have three cable drops per class. Hope to have technology center up and running next school year.

CEP Follow Up for December 2005
CEP Goals Chart updated

Transit Strike Emergency Plan
• If a transit strike were implemented classes would start two hours later starting at 3rd period. Staff would be expected to arrive one hour later than their usual arrival time. Announcements will be made during 3rd period.

OPEN AGENDA
(a) Uranium salt from 1940 was found in a glass bottle enclosed in a lead blanket and in a lead box. It was not radioactive and was removed from the school by professionals.
(b) UFT contract issues for schedule changes
(c) Theft
(d) No covers on radiators

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Several members left prior to the adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 11, 2006, 4:30 P.M.