



SLT Minutes

May 29, 2008

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| ✓ R. Asher, Principal | ✓ D. Baldwin, UFT Chair | ✗ J. Ewing, PTA Co-President |
| ✓ D. Fanning, APO | ✓ D. Belmont, UFT | ✓ S. Goltser, PTA |
| ✗ M. Mandery, BTHS Foundation | ✓ J. Ludwig, SLT Chair | ✓ A. Grundman-Cooper, PTA |
| ✓ A. Ahmed | ✓ I. Yu, Student | ✓ J. Hertzberg, PTA |
| | | ✗ G. Hines, PTA |

A. **CALL TO ORDER – 4:35 p.m.**

B. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** - Minutes accepted as correct.

C. **Remuneration Request Forms** - Mr. Ludwig stated that Team members are compensated up to \$300 by the DOE if they completed 30 hours of work, including attending meetings and other forms of participation, and attend one training workshop. Messrs. Asher, Fanning, and Ludwig offered different suggestions for filling out the Remuneration Form. Forms were filled out and given to Mr. Fanning who will work with Mrs. Hines to submit them by June 15. Dates of this year's meetings were provided for clarification purposes.

D. **Italian**

- Italian is a language widely spoken in NYC. BTHS has generally had one section. The College Board is thinking of dropping AP Language as a course. Other languages may be more widely spoken.
- Italian may not be a language to continue, there is a minimal demand for Italian. If the demand for it isn't there, then we need to look at whether we should offer this as a fourth language.
- Assimilation has diminished the importance of Italian today.
- What role does objective play in offering language? For example, what is the language of science and engineering? Offering fewer languages gives students more programming options.
- Staten Island Tech offers one language. Other schools may offer as few as two and as many as nine.
- Motion to phase out Italian, 9 in favor, 1 absent, 1 opposed. We have not reached a consensus.

E. **Proposal to explore offering a fourth language.**

- Invite AP LOTE to continue this discussion.
- Motion to form committee including Randy Asher, Andria Grundman Cooper, Gail Hines, Irene Yu, Angelica Ahmed to explore a possible fourth language.
- Outreach to Program Office to see the pros and cons of a fourth language.

F. **Principal's Report**

- Girls Handball team won city championship. Two out of three teams defended their championship title.
- Current elevator company refused to service our building. We are looking for another company and looking to get the Department of Education to pay.
- Draft 08-09 calendar will be available for review. Parent teacher fall conferences will be moved back to one week later – October 30 and 31st.
- Next year is Tech's 85th Anniversary. October 22nd Gala dinner is at the NY Hilton. May 16th is a doo-wop concert in the auditorium. It will generate funds for Tech through some ticket sales, concessions and programs.
- Expand feed the mind lecture series.
- Budget – review of current FY 08 and projected FY 09 budget. Translation services can be made available to PA. School is currently looking at hiring a parent coordinator. Analysis of specific spending and future allocations.
- Request to let PA know what equipment for college office needs to be purchased.

E. **ADJOURNED 6:25 p.m.**