



## SLT Minutes

November 13, 2008

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| ✓ R. Asher, Principal | ✓ D. Baldwin, UFT Chair | ✓ J. Ewing, PTA Co-President |
| ✓ D. Fanning, APO     | ✓ D. Belmont, UFT       | ✓ A. Grundman-Cooper, PTA    |
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| ✓ A. Ahmed, Student   | ✓ S. Bendit, Student    | ✓ L. Morano, PTA             |
|                       |                         | ✓ M. Tang, PTA               |

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:36 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2008 - AMENDED AND ACCEPTED.

Changes are to be submitted to A. Scoza.

3. FOOD SERVICES ISSUES

- SGO plans to meet with dietician. To date student representatives have noticed improved food and shorter lines. The number of served lunches is up to approximately 1600.
- No report back on issues in the faculty cafeteria.

4. BUDGET REVIEW

- Spring cuts are currently projected at \$396,000. Fall cuts will be about \$980,000. Student services should not be impacted in the Spring. Student services will be impacted in the Fall. Since a large part of the school budget is payroll, cuts may occur in staffing. Courses not required by the State are most in jeopardy of cuts including 4<sup>th</sup> year math, 4<sup>th</sup> year language and some courses in the technology sequence. As of now final dollar amount of the cut is unknown. Because of register gain, the Department of Education owes BTHS \$1,100,000.
- Register growth is contingent on room space and exam results. About 8 to 10 rooms are still to come on line as instructional space. Additional students may offset cuts in non-required classes. PTA has a list of priorities with respect to future budget cuts to be presented to the principal at a future date. Principal believes currently over-funded schools should take a budget cut, rather than spreading cuts across the board to include under funded schools, like BTHS.

5. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- Sub-committee on College Support Practices identified parental activities in support of the college office. Ms. Blau does not feel ready to accept additional help at this time. Using parents as additional chaperones is a possibility. Moving the 1<sup>st</sup> floor college office to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor is pending some work on facilities.
  - Writing student recommendations is time consuming and is done at the discretion of the teacher.
  - PTA will look for parent volunteers and an opportunity to train them.
  - Can BTHS alumni and parents who are associated with a particular college help with on site admissions or informational meetings?
- Sub-committee on languages has not yet met, but an Italian American heritage organization offered some money to run an Italian class.
- Academic Accreditation Committee is setting its yearly agenda and offering a new science course that may include a Con Ed grant. Other policy decisions from this committee are pending, such as grading expectations and PSAL participation. Another future task is how to measure progress.

6. SCHOOL PROGRESS REPORT

- Progress Report grade this year was an “A”. Kudos to English and Physics Departments and the credit recovery program. The Learning Environment portion of the survey must improve.



## 7. PARENT ENGAGEMENT

- There are more parents interested in participating and interested in supporting the learning environment. Mr. Asher feels more can be done to engage the parents, such as taking courses, helping with targeted projects in the school. This could include a volunteer day. Parents would also like an opportunity to review the specifics of the Learning Environment Survey. Parent demographics can help PTA engage parents in school activities.
- Funding for adult ESL may be available.
- Shredding, scanning and coding books are some of the large tasks that need doing.
- The website is expanding its offerings, such as old yearbooks.

Adjourned: 5:52 p.m. – next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2008