



SLT Minutes

April 23, 2009

Members:

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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 |
| x M. Mandery, BTAF | ✓ J. Ludwig, UFT | ✓ J. Hertzberg, SLT Chair |
| ✓ A. Ahmed, Student | ✓ S. Bendit, Student | ✓ L. Morano, PTA |
| | | ✓ M. Tang, PTA |

Observers:

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| ✓ S. Ullman, Teacher | ✓ R. Hardmond, Teacher | ✓ K. Navrazhina, Student |
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1. Call to order – 4:38 p.m.
2. Minutes of 3/19/09 amended and approved.
3. Subcommittee reports
 - LOTE is prepared to submit a recommendation on keeping a fourth language and what the language will be.
 - Curriculum Committee will continue to seek out additional curriculum, establish a committee venue at the beginning of the new school year, look at various curricula formats, and ensure that all existing curricula will be posted. (CEP Goal #1)
 - Performance Expectations Committee conducted a meeting and interviews with various constituencies and creating a preliminary report by June. (CEP Goal #2)
 - Differentiated Instruction will bring in a facilitator for May 2nd workshop on implementing D.I. for gifted and talented students. Instructional faculty from the SLT may also be invited. (CEP Goal #3)
 - Facilities Committee's very existence has seemed to expand lines of communication with the staff. Parent participation on this committee has been particularly helpful. This committee will also put out a call for any parents who have an architectural background. (CEP Goal #4)
 - Communications Committee prepared a calendar framework and will incorporate this information into an academic calendar format. The new Parent Coordinator is in the process of generating additional calendar information. The Parent Coordinator has also requested to be invited to the SLT meetings. Motion made and approved. (CEP Goal #5)
 - College Office Committee had a brief discussion with Ms. Blau and told no additional help is needed at this time. This committee will review the recommendations made in the previous report on the College Office. This committee can also develop the questions for a survey of the parents and students in the current senior class on the workings of this office. Another possible activity is a college recruitment at night to encourage parent attendance.
4. School Support Organization Summary



- The SLT must decide which school support organization we affiliate ourselves with. Principal Asher recommends we stay with Empowerment. Empowerment is the least expensive, strong support in the area of guidance, ELL, safety and security, and special needs students. Also have strong data management support, attendance and purchasing. Motion made and passed to stay with Empowerment.

5. Title I School

- Two models are currently under consideration for Title I spending. One model is targeted assistance to specifically low income students. The second model is a school-wide plan that makes services available to the entire school population. Parents have given 100% approval to the school wide plan. The UFT will make a presentation at Monday's, 4/27/09 Faculty Meeting on both plans, which will then require 60% approval vote. Grant money is currently being written in the school and there is a lot more grant money available. Efforts will continue to get a greater number of lunch forms.

6. Budget

- There is a strong likelihood of a reduction in allocations from the DOE in the upcoming 2009-10 budget.
- Current plan is to generate ideas and understand the implications of those ideas but final budget decisions rest with the Principal. Principal Asher would like a priority list of reductions. According to the Chair the SLT is not under an obligation to endorse specific budget cuts but the Principal has asked the SLT to participate in the process of reviewing budget cuts so the various SLT constituencies can say they have collaborated in the review process.
- Reduction of staff via teacher or lab technicians is an example where priority of SLT is sought. Either choice has some ramifications but input from those most impacted is requested.
- Chair reiterates the idea that decisions on specific cuts are pending release of the allocations. Principal is asking and encouraging that the SLT play this advisory role on reduction recommendations. Renting out the auditorium as proposed by the UFT itself is illegal, outside fees on this are used only for custodial, security services and media service technicians.
- Does the group wish to make a recommendation, or not, do individual members wish to make recommendations, or do individual members wish to recuse themselves from the discussion. At this point there was a discussion about the pros and cons of the SLT making such a recommendation.
- A formal motion has been made "that the SLT will make formal budget recommendations when budget information becomes available." No consensus was reached and the motion did not carry. Ten voted in favor and two voted no. All members in attendance voted in favor of the motion except Dan Baldwin and Jeff Ludwig. There is some question as to whether this motion can be taken to the Borough Director.



7. Freshman Orientation

- Discussion has been to have a separate Freshman Orientation for parents. It should also be considered that a representative from the PTA should be part of the program at future events such as Open House, Brooklyn Queens Day and other future events.

8. New business

- Question raised on the scope and sequence of the science curriculum regarding 9th grade class to be offered.

Meeting adjourned 6:43 p.m.

Next Meeting May 21, 2009