SLT Minutes
April 15, 2010

✓ R. Asher, Principal
✓ T. Evangelist, AP Science
✗ Ms. Mayham, BTAF
✗ M. Mandery, BTAF
✓ Dana Sandfia, Guest Student
✓ D. Baldwin, UFT Chair
✗ R. Lehrman, UFT
✓ L. Parizman, UFT
✓ A. Ahmed, Student
✗ U. Kaczolka, Student
✓ J. Ludwig, UFT guest
✓ J. Hertzberg, PTA Co-President
✓ T. Law, PTA
✓ L. Morano, PTA
✗ M. Tang, PTA
✓ D. Gold, PTA

1. **Call to order:** at 4:50pm.

2. **Approve minutes of previous meeting:** These were emailed to the members previously. The title from the March 25th meeting needs to be changed from *SLT Meeting Agenda* to *SLT Meeting Minutes*. The motion to accept the minutes were accepted and adopted.

3. **Update on issues raised at last SLT:**
   a. **School Library**
      1. Report from Facilities committee – consolidated status of all effort. Mr. Asher spoke about architects who have looked at the library for possible designs. This is expected to be on April 21, 2010. Mr. Asher also spoke about the progress regarding the physical education lockers. The seniors want to see it done sometime this school year. We hope that installation it will not cut into instructional time. The new court room looks to be built in BN4. The new PA system is being put in now and should be finished by September.
   b. **Recycling program** – Twelve 45-gallon bins have been ordered for bottles, cans and, cartons. We await their arrival.
   c. **Senior Privileges** – using roof? The roof is still being worked on and it is unlikely that students will be able to use the roof for lunch anytime soon.
   d. **Policy regarding being cut from teams/clubs:** establish and maintain consistency across all teams, productions, student government, honor society and clubs – Mr. Baldwin needs to be consulted on how teachers can enforce student participation in clubs, teams, events, etc… There is no reason to work towards policies that will be impossible to enforce. Mr. Asher to organize subcommittee.
   e. **Upgrades to facilities** – Alumni efforts
      1. Air condition auditorium – nothing has moved in this area.
      2. Heating in pool – nothing has moved in this area.

4. **Subcommittee Reports:**
   a. **Foreign language:** A. Ahmed – we are waiting to survey the students during the 6th marking period.
   b. **CEP Goal #1** – Curriculum: R. Lehrman – absent.
   c. **CEP Goal #2** – Performance Expectations: A. Ahmed – Mr. Williams was researching the handbooks of other specialized schools. We are now waiting on Ms. Chan’s compilation of material from parents as to what they would like to see in the handbooks. There are options for bindings and going digital. Bindings would be more expensive. Glue bound is also an option. Having parents get it off the school website is an idea. If this is a fundamental resource, then it can be funded via Title I monies. We are aiming for these materials to be ready for September 2010.
d. **CEP Goal #3** – Differentiated Instruction: R. Asher – Brienza and Pearson PD has been ongoing.

e. **CEP Goal #4** – Communication: L. Morano – nothing to report.

f. **CEP Goal #5** – College Credit Accumulation: R. Asher – Chemistry has been investigated as a partner with St. John’s University. Law and Social Science Research are also involved to make a total of three which are involved.

g. **Title 1** – parent subcommittee: D. Gold – nothing to report. It is near the end of the year and the money should be completed and spent.

h. **Facilities subcommittee:** B. Pook/ L. Parizman- handout was provided in Ms. Parizman’s absence.

i. **Phys Ed credit for participation on team at school, independent of school:** Mr. Asher spoke about the potential models of this proposal. Holes in programs and students “floating” about the building are a concern. One solution is to program the students so that the coach of the team is also their PE teacher during the day. This might be the answer but one hundred percent compliance will be difficult because of programming constraints.

5. **CEP final document distribution** – Ms. Scoza will email this to the members of the SLT.

6. **Budget update** – the budget looks to be taking a hit next year. This year we stocked up on materials. We will consolidate where we can. No actual hard data has come in yet. We do not have a draft budget as of yet either.

7. **Report Card – School Survey:** We do not have data right now. Teacher compliance is much higher. Students completed it during period three. The parents’ survey has been at a low 12%. The rules for the letter grade are changing. There is a quartile proposal being proposed and this works like a curve. There will be a limited number of A’s and B’s with this.

8. **Principal’s report on various school-wide issues:** The spring musical is almost ready to go next week. There is an Avatar event coming up this weekend.

9. **New Business introduced by team members** – number of examinations given by teachers on a single day. March 25th meeting, point number three was addressed. Some schools only allow certain subjects to give their exams on certain days. Also, how much holiday work is given is a concern too. Teachers need to remember that the students have many classes. The student government needs to create a proposal. Holiday homework can be handled department by department.

10. **Motion to adjourn** at 5:34pm.