



SLT Minutes

December 17, 2009

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| ✓ R. Asher, Principal | ✓ D. Baldwin, UFT Chair | ✓ J. Hertzberg, PTA Co-President |
| ✓ T. Evangelist, AP Science | ✓ R. Lehrman, UFT | ✗ T. Law, PTA |
| ✓ M. Mandery, BTAF | ✓ L. Parizman, UFT | ✓ L. Morano, PTA |
| ✓ S. Chan, Parent Coordinator, Guest | ✓ A. Ahmed, Student | ✓ M. Tang, PTA |
| | ✓ U. Kadziolka, Student | ✗ D. Gold, PTA |

1. Meeting called to order at 4:37pm.
2. Minutes from November 19, 2009 were reviewed. Point number nine regarding college credit accumulation was reviewed. It was made clearer that, basically, college credit is granted via AP exams and not via other methods. The other edit made was regarding access to college credit. The changes were approved and adopted.
3. There was no monthly curriculum committee meeting this month as reported by Ms. Lehrman.
4. The communications committee drafted a goal to institutionalize the process of periodic electronic communications with Tech parents, students and staff. The goals were provided on paper. Mr. Williams will have the data on how many languages we have to translate our materials into regarding communication. The students from NHS have been helping to translate at PTA meetings. We need to explore the options regarding the goals for communications. What is the measurable goal we want to obtain? Translation and distribution for non-English speaking households is a goal to consider. Should we make it a goal to get all parents involved in a paper chain? Maybe a better goal should be to communicate electronically as best we can. At the next meeting we can vote on the goals we want to achieve.
5. Performance expectations were then reviewed by A. Ahmed. A timeline for progress was proposed for the teacher and parent handbooks. This included feedback from those who it targets to inform. R. Asher interjected regarding the progress of the teacher handbook. Is there a timeline for how the committees will be formed? There is a plan regarding student, teacher and parent volunteers. Maybe a parent from each different grade is appropriate?
6. Differentiated instruction is coming out of some of the stands at common time. AP's are getting involved and guiding the teachers. It is happening in Science and PE well. Differentiated instruction is also being built into the pre-observation process. There has been evidence of strategic groupings in the classroom.
7. College credit has a handout. Our NYU POLY connection is not as strong at this point as we'd like it to be. However, St. John's University is open to giving credit for courses above the Advanced Placement level. Our curriculum first needs to be approved and the instructor needs approval also. We may be able to let SJU look at our resumes in lieu of our requested transcripts as a first step. The givebacks to the teachers are special invites for PD and free courses bearing credit. Maybe our Title I money can help the students pay for the fees? There is a correlation between the courses. A follow up meeting needs to occur where the AP's and teachers should meet with the Dean's and instructors at SJU. What are the options for the students? Will the credits transfer? Usually colleges and universities only accept credits NOT associated with the major of the student while in college. For example, if the students were to earn college credit for organic chemistry while here, then they would have to forfeit the credit in college if their program of study requires organic chemistry.

8. The Title I committee report was given out. One concern is if the Princeton Review can provide outreach in languages other than English so that non-English speaking parents can better be informed about the services provided by the company.
9. Facilities: Elevators and the electronic cards. Would the cards be used to track teacher movements in building? No. A discussion followed regarding the teachers' cafeteria. The kids wanted certain changes in the student cafeteria. It was discussed that the teachers' cafeteria could be relocated to another place in the building. Are the A and B cars working and going to the 8th floor. As of this date, they are as the pizza party on December 16, 2009 used these cars to go to floor 8. The UFT is against swipe cards for teachers for cafeteria food. This is because they could be tracked. The RFP for the teachers' cafeteria were reviewed. There is no plan at this point because there is no money right now. For now it serves as a multipurpose room/general access area. The keys to the room will be changed for greater access. Was it the remote location a downfall of the teacher cafeteria? Is it better on another floor?
10. CEP: Regarding CEP, these goals will be finalized and approved at the next SLT meeting. They will not be for discussion now.
11. Budget update: We are waiting for the final resolutions between the city and state. Our reserve pool was used to absorb register loss. When and how deep is the next cut? Where can we tighten up and reprogram? The \$20,000 won may be rerouted via the Alumni Foundation so that the students will have options for lockers without DOE restrictions. Will the MetroCards for students be the next hit? Has everyone done their free coverages? Do we know who will replace Mr. Pititto? Will it be Mr. Derosa?
12. School report card and summary. Let us review the survey and its results. How can the components help us make the school better? On the third page in – "Who took the survey at your school?" There needs to be outreach via the PTA. Maybe an extended prefect will be appropriate for the students to do it? Can we get it done in the spring? Maybe at Parent Teacher conferences the teachers can do it while waiting? Teachers can do it at department meetings or at a faculty meeting – in computer rooms. The teachers can do it while the students do it in prefect – or do the teachers need to do it on computers? The student and teacher should be 100% participation.
13. The principal's report: regarding the C-30 process for parent engagement have 75 applicants. When we get back from the break, the principal will look them over and reduce/screen the applicants. DOE regulations have been changed – SLT needs to have a say before the principal makes an appointment. We might be able to complete this at the February SLT meeting. Safety issues were addressed and the need to have all incidents reported immediately. The open house date is TBD – if we do it at all. What are STUY and Bronx Science doing regarding this? Will Tweed fund it? Maybe we can You-Tube or Facebook the school? Tech is more active in Fort Greene – do we need open house for the community? There was a strong fall athletic season. US News and World Report – we are #63 – according to THEIR rubric. An alumnus was appointed by President Obama. His name is Grayling Williams and his title is Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement. Teacher's College at Columbia: Tech was recognized as a lead school for innovative instructional technology.
14. The current state of the school library. What is the budget for the school library? Will there be upgrades and purchases? What do we have to say about the care and use for this facility? The students in Architecture are working on Blueprints regarding this space. Will a loft be appropriate with media center? We need to consult with other similar projects outside of the building. The facility needs a complete makeover even to function as a study hall. Let's look at the features and layouts of other library spaces in the city as models for our library, should the school remodel our library space. The space and technology



needed to serve as a research facility needs to be addressed. We are not in compliance with the correct number of librarians for state law. Was there money for the library that didn't get to them? Do we want ebooks or books? Is that an issue right now? Let's wait to discuss ebooks at a later time. The Alumni Foundation is willing to help out with the situation – no matter what, we need to have short term and long term goals for the space. We have librarians, are they being heard? There have been meetings with the librarians and Mr. Fanning. The computers have been a problem because of vandalism and natural breakdown. Maybe we need to have a tour/walk through of the library? We are working off of the interest from a donation to the endowment. We should have an update from the students on the library project renovations. We need to have a walk through. A grievance is pending regarding library funds from 2008-2009.

15. Who is in charge of the custodial team? There are two raters for the custodian. Our head custodian is not cooperative.
16. What is the policy for athletes and how much time they meet per week? If they do a certain amount of time then it can count as PE. This is only good for your season. We need to look at regulation 100.5 from the NYSED.
17. The Dean forced a student off the elevator during the school day. Is this right? We need to look at all details.
18. Meeting adjourned 6:39pm.