



SLT Minutes

March 18, 2010

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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 |
| ✓ Ms. Mayham, BTAF | ✓ L. Parizman, UFT | ✓ L. Morano, PTA |
| ✗ M. Mandery, BTAF | ✓ A. Ahmed, Student | ✗ M. Tang, PTA |
| ✓ S. Chan, Parent Coordinator, Guest | ✗ U. Kadziolka, Student | ✓ D. Gold, PTA |
| ✓ N. Chen, Student Guest | ✓ D. Newman, Coordinator Health and Safety Guest | |

1. Call to order: 4:36pm.
2. Approve minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of February 25, 2010 were distributed. Changes were suggested for item number ten.
3. Update on issues raised at last SLT:
 - a. Senior Lunch Privileges: Invited guests: Mr. Newman, Nicky Chen: Proposal from the SGO dated March 3, 2010 was discussed. Nicky Chen discussed the proposal. The major points of the proposal were highlighted. Then questions were fielded by Nicky Chen. The “three strikes and you’re out” piece was questioned about it being revoked for just thirty days. Right now, approximately 200 students fit the criteria. Having the students outdoors for lunch might be more of a negative image for the school. This may not really reduce the number of students in the lunchroom if just 200 students qualify. Mr. Newman spoke about the concerns that local law enforcement has. Not knowing which students are truants and legitimately out to lunch will cause a mix up. This lunch rule will help with school spirit but, it might not be worth it. Ms. Morano pointed out that Bronx Science allows all 3,000 students out for lunch. However, Bronx Science officials have advised Mr. Newman not to adopt outdoor lunch. There was discussion about using the courtyard. However, the noise made in the courtyard can resonate through the inner rooms. An area of the roof, once finished is worth looking at. Mr. Asher’s biggest concern is safety. The SGO is being encouraged to revisit this issue with regards to using the roof. It was moved that we explore the roof and not outdoor lunch. The committee adopted this proposal.
 - b. Report from Facilities Committee – consolidated status of all efforts on modernization:
 - i. Facilities Committee: The library timeline was reviewed. Previous meeting outcomes were revisited. Hopefully, the library issues will be completed by September 2010. Ms. Parizman reviewed her visit to the library at Bronx Science HS. The highlights of the trip were provided with a bulleted listing. Some features included carrels, computers, lounge areas and central air conditioning. A blueprint of the layout was also available. Students are able to enter and leave the Bronx Science library at will. Their computers are maintained by three computer technicians. We need a long term master plan as to carry out all phases of the project. Right now we need to make upgrades to keep our library functional. However, long term, the library will need multiple phases to finish the project fully. Bronx Science, now in our network, was willing to share their entire set of original blueprints for their new library. We also use our

library to hold large events. A large room in the Bronx Science library allows for these functions. The sixth floor 21st century rooms are now on line and that the air conditioning is on the way. There were fifteen rooms that fell under this category. The power had to be redistributed on that floor as to allow for air conditioning. The money won at the contest, \$14,000, is ready to be used. Locker designs were reviewed. A trip to the locker rooms in the three south hallway was taken. The girls' locker was visited. The lockers are too small for the average book bag. They smell is bad, possibly of rats. The boys' locker was visited. Newly installed lockers have already been vandalized. Layout of the rooms makes the lockers hard to supervise. The teachers need to be in more strategic positions in the locker room. The three tier mesh designed lockers might provide the most room and aeration.

ii. Title 1 Subcommittee

iii. Technology Committee

iv. Alumni Foundation

- c. Phys Ed subcommittee on credit for participation on school, outside teams: The committee had to reschedule their meeting. Physical education must be taken one semester a year. Also activities such as the bowling team would not be appropriate. During the athletic seasons, the athletes are constraint for times. Mandated study hall for athletes should be examined. The athletes and student body need to be surveyed. Study hall requires one teacher with a room that holds fifty students. Also, keep in mind that this credit model only works for 10th, 11th and 12th graders.
- d. Recycling Program: Twelve 45-gallon recycling drums for bottles, glass, plastic, milk cartons are on the way. They will be piloted in the cafeteria as there are too many classrooms for us to handle.

4. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Foreign language: A. Ahmed
- b. CEP Goal #1 – Curriculum: R. Lehrman: We are waiting for the Math and English departments to present the electives that will be offered to seniors. The criteria for getting into electives need to be clear. The AP's of supervision and administration have been working hard at this to make them clear and updated. The programming office has been involved as well regarding criteria.
- c. CEP Goal #2 – Performance Expectations: The parent handbook is being updated. Progress has been made with the other handbooks being revised.
- d. CEP Goal #3 – Differentiated Instruction: R. Asher: The title I committee has brought in staff developers to teach this technique.
- e. CEP Goal #4 – Communication: L. Morano: The proposal for a weekly email newsletter was reviewed. A consultation with Mr. Williams and Mr. Edwards needs to follow. Maybe the parents need to be provided with a computer room or laptops to assist parents with email. The SLT is in favor of trying the proposal. There is a new sign in sheet for parents at open school which includes email.
- f. CEP Goal #5 – College Credit Accumulation: R. Asher: Mr. Asher and Mr. Evangelist are working on achieving college credit for certain senior courses in chemistry and biology. This will be used for courses where there is no advanced placement credit possible.
- g. Title 1 – parent subcommittee: D. Gold: This subcommittee is meeting next week.



5. CEP discussion: finalized draft 2009-2010 to be circulated via email:
6. Budget update: The time to complete spending is approaching. \$350,000 has been set aside for next year. We are working to spend the remaining supply money.
7. Report Card – School Survey: The school survey for parents is out there. At the next faculty meeting the teachers will be filling out the survey in certain computer rooms. The student learning environment survey will be used on Friday, March 26th during period three.
8. Principal’s report on various school-wide issues
 - a. C-30 committee update: The committee met on the 16th of March. Five of the six showed for the interview. The point scoring system has been tallied. The Principal has declined a Level II set of interviews.
 - b. Proposal for New Chemistry Lab: The proposal will be pitched to the city tomorrow. This will take three years or so to obtain funding.
 - c. Auditorium: Rentals are being made for graduations in June. This will bring in money for the auditorium only.
9. New Business introduced by team members: Athletes are held to a “no cut” policy. We should consider applying this to prom, clubs, student government, etc... There needs to be involvement and conversations with the UFT and the club advisors. We need a subcommittee to spearhead this. Coaches, former coaches and, club advisors are needed on this subcommittee.
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.