SLT Minutes
January 20, 2011

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AGENDA

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM – BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HS

January 20, 2011 4:30 – 6:00 PM

1. Call to order – 4:39pm.

2. Approval of prior minutes. These were sent via email to save paper. Grammar errors can be sent to Mr. Asher. Ms. Parizman pointed out three items of debate, one of them including detention.

3. Detention policy. Ms. Lehrman pointed out that some teachers do not know about detention and that cutters need to be reported to the Deans’ Office. Mr. Asher reviewed the proper chain of command for students who cut and how cutting could lead to detention. The discipline code for NYC should be linked on our school website and we need to check with Mr. Edwards to make sure that it is. Also, deans and guidance can record follow up with student cases on Daedalus and we need to make sure that they do.

4. Examination policies. The end of marking period test proposal was passed around to the SLT members. It is a six day schedule reflecting the 262 student opinions which responded. It is about 50/50 liked by those who responded. Mr. Asher suggested that the schedule be brought up to Mr. Palmer’s attention. This might be a problem for English classes which lose time for book distribution. The SLT motioned to encourage the students on SLT to investigate this further. We are also ready for implementing the vacation assignment/homework policy. This should go into effect for Presidents’ Week. The motion was approved to have the students look into this further.

5. Creation of SLT subcommittees. The formation of these committees could be a problem in getting the members together. We should look into forming a CEP committee. Also, a College Office committee might be advantageous. This could be tied into Guidance. We need a planning session to determine what we want to see come out of the College Office. Right now we have two full time Guidance counselors working with a full time secretary and school aides working in the College Office. At the students many of our students only look for popular name colleges, missing out on other fantastic colleges which can provide the same academic rigor. We need to look at the student support issues that we are having. Maybe having major counselors will help students choose a college. Five SLT members showed interest in serving on the College Office subcommittee. The dates for the meetings are TBA.

6. PTA report. Annual club and team grants will give out $12,000. The auction is moving forward for March 26, 2011. This message needs to get out to the faculty and staff. A number of items are being donated to the silent auction.
7. Principal’s report. The wrestling team is ready for their championship game tomorrow. The snow might threaten after school activities. We are purchasing SurveyMonkey to survey teacher and student opinions. Cabinet and lead teachers received training regarding from ELI for the Progress Report. We have improved but are noting getting ahead in the Progress Report. We can use SurveyMonkey on a monthly basis to allow students and teachers to be heard on an ongoing basis. The student members of SLT pointed out that they are not treated so nicely by the School Security Agents. This could have been reflected in the Learning Environment Survey. There are also some adults in the building which find the students to be a nuisance, even though the adults are here to serve the students. We need to also make sure that everyone knows what the Learning Environment survey is addressing. There will be differentiated programming for the spring. Some classes will be taught by APs at no cost to the school and other new classes will go to certain teachers to teach the struggling students. The library floor was examined and new flooring along with tables and chairs are in the near future. The air conditioners will be replaced and projectors will be installed in the ceiling. Hopefully, this will be done by March. We have submitted for capital funds to do the lighting and sound in the auditorium. Also we are looking to replace the library stacks to become a two tier computer lab. We have determined that students who serve on a PSAL credit for being on a team. This is in addition to their regular PE class which is for credit. The PSAL team credit is in addition to the PE credit, as the PE class MUST be passed by the students. This will also help our students meet 10 credits in a school year if they are short of this benchmark. Last night the PEP meeting was here and Chancellor Black attended. City meetings are not easy to host but they do generate revenue. The next meeting here is on February 3, 2011 regarding school closing.

8. New business from the SLT members. The SLT meetings should be put on the school calendar. Mr. Edwards can help us with this. The boy’s swim team is in the playoffs. We had a student as student athlete of the week. We have a Wingate winner as a senior student athlete. We are nominating a wrestler for a future award. There is a hockey alumni event on May 28, 2011 at Sky Rink. Graduation off site is proving to be costly and hard to book. We might split graduation by majors to make them fit into two ceremonies in our auditorium at 9am and 2pm. This will allow for more parents to attend and more tickets to be available.

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm. The next meeting is February 17, 2011.