



SLT Minutes

February 14, 2008

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| ✓ R. Asher, Principal | ✓ D. Baldwin, UFT Chair | ✓ J. Ewing, PTA Co-President |
| ✓ D. Fanning, APO | ✓ D. Belmont, UFT | ✗ S. Goltser, PTA |
| ✓ M. Mandery, BTHS Foundation | ✓ J. Ludwig, SLT Chair | ✓ A. Grundman-Cooper, PTA |
| ✓ A. Ahmed | ✓ I. Yu, Student | ✓ J. Hertzberg, PTA |
| | | ✓ G. Hines, PTA |

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 31, 2008 meeting were not available because of technical issues related to the digital recorder. Mr. Belmont will take the minutes of meetings which will then be typed by Ms. Scoza.

C. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW COLLEGE OFFICE PRACTICES (SRCOP)

Mr. Baldwin reported on plans to look at practices in other schools. Possible improvements at Brooklyn Tech could include additional aides, new office equipment, and bookcases. Parents have also graciously agreed to find volunteers to help the College Office during its crunch season in the Fall term, possibly using space in the third floor gallery area. Also, Mr. Asher noted that the College Office Handbook is continuously being updated and reviewed. Mr. Baldwin also said that he is checking with the UFT about issues related to the coordination of Guidance Counselors with the College Office. The SRCOP study will show the costs of future improvements.

D. OLD BUSINESS – SLT BYLAWS

Bylaws Subcommittee reported out the updated and final draft of the Bylaws. Issues of special concern that had been discussed by the Subcommittee were reviewed. Re: the section of the Bylaws dealing with removal of an SLT member by the SLT, decision was reached by consensus that there would not be an appeals process. Also, “majority” should be defined as 50%+1. Bylaws of the SLT were adopted.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Distribution of Materials: Mr. Ludwig distributed materials related to SLT activities including the Reimbursable Handbook, Reg. 100.11, and printout of a power point presentation on SLT goals and procedures distributed at a training session given in January.

Questions about the Structure of SLT Organization: Mr. Ludwig also presented a list of questions about the present organization of the SLT in relation to District Leadership Teams and the Presidents’ Council that he is trying to find the answers to. He noted that information varies depending upon the source, and that actually our best resource so far has been Ms. Siegel of Tech’s Network Empowerment Team who formerly worked as a Liaison for School Leadership Teams with the BASIS Superintendency.

Survey of SLTs: Mr. Ludwig distributed copies of a survey of SLT members to be filled out individually. Many members of the team had reservations about the survey, both with the wording and the timing. A motion was passed that the SLT members would postpone filling out the Survey.

Principal Asher advised that we move ahead on the CEP using the Modernization Plan for planning and projection of future actions. Robin Calitri may be available to speak to the SLT in the future.

Principal Review:

- Quality Review will happen the second week in March. Unclear who the evaluators would be or criteria for review.
- Mr. Williams may be in the room during interviews with students. Faculty will be invited to participate. Parents may be more available in the evenings. Instead of the three tiered rating used last year, rating will be on a scale of 0 – 5, from undeveloped to outstanding. So far, only Telecommunications High School

and Townsend Harris were rumored to have been found “outstanding.” We were rated Proficient last year.

- Thanks extended to the PA for help on auditorium sound system. The Open House event went very well. The Tech Chorus did a great performance to showcase our music program. We may have convinced some parents to send students to Tech that were contemplating LaGuardia HS. Parents and SGO Store sold BTHS apparel. Kudos all around.
- Phone master worked well. Calls home for major selection can be made more than once. Presentation for the International Arts & Sciences major will be made by R. Asher and M. O’Hara.
- Some middle schools may be targeted for future recruitment based on incoming student population and feeder patterns.

F. ADJOURNED 6:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2008 @ 4:30 PM, Room 1W26