



SLT Minutes

April 17, 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 |
| ✓ M. Williams, COSA (GUEST) | | ✓ G. Hines, PTA |

A. CALL TO ORDER – 4:30 p.m.

B. REVIEW OF MINUTES - The minutes are accepted with change about faculty dress code. Minutes accepted as correct (see minutes 4/3/08 page 3).

C. GRADUATION – Keynote Speaker – Mr. Ludwig expressed disappointment with graduation speakers for the past ten years. He suggested that the quality of the speakers may contribute to the lack of faculty sitting on stage. Mr. Baldwin suggested that various other factors may influence teachers' attendance at graduation. Mr. Williams noted that faculty members are invited to sit on stage. Also he told the SLT that Mr. Russell Simmons' speech last year was not pre-screened, but students were excited about his presence. Mr. Simmons, he said is an example of hard work, intelligence and perseverance. He added that Simmons was a good pick and has given meaningful speeches in the past, and has partnerships that have supported Tech in the past. Some members noted that the SLT might not be the right venue for this discussion and there may be another already existing forum for this conversation. Mrs. Hertzberg said it is difficult to control what the speaker will do. Mr. Williams said that faculty will be invited to participate on the committee that selects the keynote speaker.

D. GOALS FOR THE CEP – Mr. Ludwig noted that the CEP goals for 2005-06 appear to have been met. Mr. Asher told the meeting that the new CEP template should be released in two weeks. Possibly an on-line template for data entry will be provided. Some goals are dynamic and change. Some goals can be shared from the Principal Performance Review included analysis of Guidance and College Office and honors and AP Selection.

Mr. Asher further added that one of our goals is to define and document policies, like the recent dress code policy, and future AP Exam policies, then look at possible modifications and grade recovery policies. Further, the methodology for setting policy includes the main points of the Modernization Plan, Quality Review and Principal Performance Review documents.

E. 21/21 Campaign – Dr. Mandery reported on the Brooklyn Tech Foundation's new fund raising campaign that had been launched the previous week. Alumni made a formal announcement last Thursday, launching this campaign to raise \$21 million, including a vision laid out by the Principal and good press coverage. In addition, Homecoming was electrifying. October 22, 2008 will be the celebration gala marking the 85th Anniversary of Tech, and the Alumni intend to include students in the celebration, acknowledging the special environment of Tech. The endowment to be enlarged by the 21/21 Campaign will give long term support for Tech through the Alumni Foundation with a focus on facilities, faculty and transformational college experience. Special thanks to Matt and the Alumni volunteers, and the Alumni Board of Directors.

F. Principal's Report - Naviance will roll out in the next few weeks, starting with a senior survey and the college process. Freshman will do it in a DDP Class, but how to target sophomores is still open. Training and observation of Naviance at other schools is included. Website updates will include dress code, grade appeal process, AP/Honors Application process and criteria, including teacher input for AP Admission. Turnaround time for AP/Honors selection process is still under discussion. If student is in the major, placement can be automatic, and looking to be in place for next year's placements.

Renovation of GO Store is well along.

Meetings about the elevators continue between Centennial and DOE officials directly authorized by the Chancellor to negotiate a solution and also, "D" Car is working.

Many out-of-date textbooks have been removed from the building. New textbook purchasing options are being explored. New textbook technology has many new learning options. These options may occur first in Math Department.

G. ADJOURNED 5:40 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, May 29, 2008, 4:30 p.m. in room 1W26.