



SLT Minutes

October 25, 2007

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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 |

1. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- The minutes are accepted with changes by E. Jeffrey Ludwig.

2. BY-LAWS

- Establish a subcommittee to review the draft submitted by Mr. E. Ludwig and make formal recommendations for review and adoption in November. Gail Hines, Dave Belmont, Randy Asher, and possibly one student will be on the committee.

3. C-30 PROCESS

- Parents and faculty are needed to serve on the committee. Scott Hughes is coordinating the interviews. Dan Baldwin, Dr. Rogers, Karen Boykin, and Angelica Ahmed have volunteered to serve so far.
- The date for the interviews is November 1, 2007 @ 5:00 p.m. There are two candidates scheduled to be interviewed.

4. OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 23, 2007

- With nearly 1500 attendees, the Open House was a success. A Power Point presentation and self-guided tours made it even better. Many faculty members remained in spite of the long day. Many thanks to the faculty for their dedication. Next year BTHS will choose a different date for Parent-Teacher conferences, which were held the same week as the Open House.

5. ELEVATORS

- Administration is waiting to have a meeting with Centennial Elevator Company, which will be facilitated by Joe Bova of the School Construction Authority (SCA). The UFT, PTA and SGO are invited to attend. At this time Centennial Elevator has not submitted their proposal. Purchasing Management at the DOE could ideally break the contract as the last resort.

6. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA

- *Pass/Fail Rates during First Period:* A review of student data regarding pass/fail rates during first period revealed that students are failing because of lack of motivation to attend class @ 8:00 a.m. We must investigate further to determine the reason.
- *Departmental Passing Rates:* Math has an 86% passing rate and all other subjects fluctuate between 90-92%.

7. FACULTY GRANT PROCESS

- The grants are sponsored by BTHS Alumni Foundation and the PTA.
- The form can be found online at www.bths.edu under "Faculty Login" and the PTA web page. Funds can be requested for materials that create innovation in the classroom. Grants are not for materials and supplies that the DOE typically provides, i.e. chalk and paper. The grants will be reviewed by the Alumni Foundation, Mr. Asher, and the PTA. The Alumni Foundation thanks the PTA for their generosity in assisting with the grant.
- The library needs input specifically from the Social Studies and English departments. They are in the process of purchasing books. The library can purchase one class set of any book.

8. NCSSSMST

- *2007 Student Conference* in Washington, DC
 - i. The conference was attended by ten students and two faculty members.
 - ii. The BTHS Alumni Foundation underwrote the cost of the trip to the students.
 - iii. The student reps felt that the speakers were not a good choice. They talked “at” the students not “to” them. They also thought that the boat ride was successful, but the interaction between schools needs improvement next year.
- *2008 Student Conference* is in Rochester, NY at RIT, a Project Lead the Way affiliate
 - Next year’s theme is “*Innovation in a Global Society*”

9. PTA

- The PTA purchased a 14-seat bus for school use. Its purpose is for transportation to conferences, picking up supplies, etc. The bus will be used in the spring. Many thanks to the PTA for their generosity in this endeavor.
- A special thank you to the PTA on behalf of faculty and staff for the dinner that was served on Parent Teacher Conference night.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- *New Hires*: Matthew Torres has joined the Physical Ed department. He replaced Stan Kaps who has moved on to an AP position at Lafayette High School. Alberto Tavarez has joined our staff as a computer tech. He has a network engineering background.
- *Report Cards*: The Principal is investigating why some classes, and not all, were weighted.
- *Google Sketch Up Competition*: Brooklyn Tech won the competition. The competition was created for specialized high schools nationwide to design an environmentally friendly high school. Ms. Eng and Mr. Wanliss were the teacher consultants for the competition.
- *Request (D. Belmont) for Administration to present copy of budget & CEP.*
- *SLT Meeting Dates*: 10/25, 11/29, 12/20, 1/31, 2/14, 3/27, 4/17, 5/29, 6/25

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 29, 2007, Room 1W26