

**Booker T. Washington Middle School 54**

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**SLT Minutes**

April 3, 2023

**SLT Members:**

<b>Core SLT Positions</b>	<b>Teacher Representatives</b>	<b>Parent Representatives</b>
Elana Elster, Principal	Sara Lichtman (co-chair)	Alexis Freeman (co-chair)
Jose Beauvais, UFT rep	Erica Williams	Karen Saltser*
Lee Uehara, PTA Co-Pres	Elizabeth McNulty	Janette Cardova
	Amanda Mersits (secretary)	Yael Swica**
	Kyle Wilson	Randall Friendman
		Sofia Hubscher (parent secretary)
		Dimitra Koutsantoni

\*Late

\*\*Absent

**Observers:** Anne Pejovich

The meeting was held in person.

**Agenda:****Approval of the Minutes from March**

- Minutes were approved.

**Principal's Report**

- No updates on the CEP.
- Two new shelters opened up in District 3 for families so there's a possible influx of new students post break. Booker T. has a full-time ESL teacher and seats available so there's a high likelihood they'll come here.
  - Create a "newcomers" class/schedule for all the new students to help with transition.
  - Currently there are about 20 ELL students.
  - Principal support meeting to come which will help share ideas and strategies about the current situation.
  - Thoughts to possibly use PTA funds to support families with backpacks/supplies.
- Preview of incoming 6th grade class to Booker T for 2023-2024.
  - Looks pretty similar to this year's 6th grade class (i.e. total number of students with a breakdown of one self contained class and two ICT).

**Update on High School results**

- There are approximately 5-6 students who need to find a new match/weren't satisfied.

- Overall good performance on the SHSAT. Most students who took the test got a placement at a specialized HS.

### **Curriculum Update**

- Dr. Elster will come to a decision after Spring break about whether or not Social Studies and ELA courses will remerge to Humanities.

### **Update on School Survey Response Rate**

- The most recent update for family responses to the survey is 53.9%.
  - Deadline extended to April 20th.

### **New Business**

- Elections
  - Even number of 7 staff members to 7 parents.
  - Parent Members leaving:
    - Yael - completed two years
    - Karen - completed 1 year (but graduating)
    - Dimitra - completed two years
  - Three open seats to parents (One 1-year, and Two 2-year slots)
    - Saving one-two year term for an incoming 6th grade parent.
- PTA updates
  - Two new co-treasurers for the PTA were decided for the remainder of this year.

### **Future Schedule of Meetings**

May 12, June 2