

## MS54 BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

### School Leadership Team (SLT) Minutes June 24, 2016

#### ATTENDEES

##### **Teachers**

Alison Merkel  
Susan Trout  
Erica Williams

##### **Parents**

Corinne Bal  
Sandra Levy  
William Reinisch  
Tristram Yale

##### **Administrators/UFT/PTA**

Dr. Elana Elster (Principal)  
Deirdre McEvoy (UFT)  
Christine Annechino (PTA)

##### **Observers/Additional attendees**

Katie Miller (Parent)  
Elizabeth McNulty (Teacher)  
Anne Pejovich (Parent coordinator)

Meeting starting time at 7:32 am

#### 1. Approval of June Minutes

No discussion

#### 2. Biennial by-laws review

The following suggestions were made to revise the SLT by-laws:

- Student coordinator attends the SLT meeting: no need to change the by-laws but encourage student coordinator in participating in SLT, No by-laws revision
- Eligibility in SLT elections: for a parent, whose child is graduating and has an incoming student. No revision
- Add to Article X: committees & task force "Wellness". Revision approved.
- Add Wellness representative under Article III Section 3.1.V: Instead of adding this, a teacher suggested that requesting Wellness representative from student council should be included in writing in CEP goals, because SLT by-laws should not address this. No revision
- Article III Section 3.3 Members' duties & expectations: add "arrive on time". Revision approved. A parent reminded the group of the members' expectations to participate in committees.

A parent member will incorporate the changes and an updated version of the by-laws will be shared with the group and posted on the school website.

#### 3. Budget

Principal distributed Allocation Category totals (2016 and 2017) from galaxy.

Principal announced a surplus of \$600K because of increase of enrollment. A 10th 6th grade class will be added. This does not include the self-contained class. Potential impact on foreign language and gym. The principal is currently hiring.

A parent asked if a new Assistant Principal position could be considered and suggested to apply a more positive discipline approach to smoothen the school operations. PD in class management could also be considered. A teacher also suggested to consider another title for the "dean of students" that will refer less to only "discipline". Another teacher felt PD is maybe not the only way for teaching student discipline and mentioned using another AP could serve as an oversight of the dean of students. Another parent asked whether funding a third position could be considered. A parent stated that discipline is important in middle school to take into account the many changes students are experiencing.

Dr. Elster stated she prefers to invest money in academics rather outside the classroom.

#### 4. District Three's Special Needs and Socioeconomic Targets/Middle School Admissions

Discussion revolved around the challenges to maintain accelerated classes because of the wide range of students. Importance to maintain academic level. A parent mentioned a track system. A teacher responded that this is already in place.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Bal and Susan Trout