

SLT Members:

| Other SLT Positions | Teacher Representatives | Parent Representatives |
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| Elana Elster, Principal | Briana DeSantis | Barbara Denham |
| Deirdre McEvoy, UFT | Dan Fagen | *Alison Gardy |
| Jerome Kramer, PTA Co-Pres | Sara Lichtman (co-secretary) | Stefanie Goldblatt |
| Katie Miller, PTA Co-Pres | Elizabeth McNulty (co-chairperson) | Karen Saltser |
| | Alexis Ritter | Patricia Saydah (co-secretary) |
| | | William Reinisch (co-chairperson) |
| | | *Liz Wedlan |

*Absent

Observers: Anne Pejovich, Parent Coordinator; Georgia Cohen, 8th Grade Student

Meeting convened at 7:25am at Booker T. Washington

Minutes:

March 9, 2018 SLT Minutes were approved with minor edits. The SLT secretaries will send to Joanne to be posted.

Discussions around Agenda:

CEP Goals - Progress Monitoring

GOAL 2. SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

By June 2018, the school will develop and implement a peer-buddy program in order to help support sixth graders in their transition to middle school, as measured by a majority of the students responding positively on a survey administered twice during the year.

- The results of the Buddy Survey were shared.
 - 96 6th graders completed the survey; 83% of the respondents had a buddy.
 - 77% participated in the beginning of the year scavenger hunt, only
 - 58% were comfortable asking their buddy questions
 - 31% said that having a buddy made the transition to middle school easier
 - 34 7th/8th graders completed the survey; all respondents had a 6th grade buddy.
 - 73% enjoyed the experience
 - 55% though the program was helpful
 - The overall sentiment was that the buddy program was helpful. Suggestions for improvement: buddies should remain consistent from activity to activity, more activities should be planned, and buddies should exchange emails.

2018-19 Planning / 2017-18 Initiatives Reflection:

2018-19 Planning:

- Approximately 300 offers were made to fifth graders to attend Booker T in 2018-19. Offers were released by the Office of Enrollment on Thursday, April 12, 2018.
 - The breakdown of the offers was similar to the breakdown of the offers in 2017.
 - School did not have enough seats for all students selecting Booker T.
 - There were offers extended to students who did not select Booker T., for ICT classes and self-contained classes.
 - There were 15 open seats at Booker T. because students who received multiple middle-school offers chose not to go to Booker T.

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2017-18 Initiatives Reflection:

- Buddy System – See above.
- Pooling Students in the classroom
 - Teachers will meet to discuss the effectiveness of pooling students by level in Math (6th,7th,8th), Science (7th,8th) and by preference in Foreign Language and Electives.
 - Current sentiment is that 6th grade math pooling is helpful because students enter Booker T. with different backgrounds, 8th grade math pooling is helpful because of the demands of the Regents curriculum, but the effectiveness of 7th grade math pooling is questioned (7 out of 9 classes are on track to take the Regents).
 - More information should be made available to parents about the non-Regents curriculum and how high schools handle the Regents.
- Heterogeneous Grouping has improved the school culture.
- Professional Learning on Monday and consistent start time were positive changes.
- School Based Options (changes to the UFT contract), such as Early Academy days of the week and Parent/Teacher Conference dates/times, were not fully discussed at the SLT meeting but noted on the list of initiatives. These items will be voted on by the faculty.

Wellness Committee Update:

- Wellness Day is Friday, May 11
- The April 10th PTA Meeting featured a nutrition/eating disorders speaker. The topic was well received and exemplified the need for such events.

Community Service Progress:

- Katie met with the 8th grade Student Council to begin brainstorming their gift to the community.
- A Community Service Assembly for the students is planned for May 7th. It will include a panel, followed by a hands-on component.
 - Panel will include representatives from GOOD+ Foundation, Westside Campaign Against Hunger, Partnerships for Parks, Dorot, and the Educational Alliance. We are still looking for an animal organization.
 - There will be a collection of baby items for the GOOD+ Foundation between now and May 7th. The hands-on component will include packaging goods for the GOOD+ Foundation.

New Business: Middle School Admissions Process

- The deadline for making changes to the District 3 Middle School Admissions Process has been delayed.

New Business: High School Acceptance for 2018-2019

- Summary of offers for Booker T. 8th grade class:
 - Specialized High Schools: 149 students received offers (across 6 schools)
 - LaGuardia: 50 students received offers
 - Other Public High Schools:
 - between 20-30 offers from each (Beacon, Bard Queens, Bard Manhattan, NEST +M)
 - between 10-19 offers from each (Millennium, Manhattan Hunter, Manhattan Center)
 - between 5-10 offers from each (Museum, Environmental Studies, Columbia Secondary, Eleanor Roosevelt, NYC i-School, Frank McCourt, Frank Sinatra, PPAS)
 - <5 offers from each (Clinton, Lab, Harvest Collegiate, WESS, Central Park East, Park East)
 - However, 32 Students received no offer and 7 students received a SHSAT offer only. In total, 39 students received *no* non-specialized offer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 am.

Meeting minutes submitted by SLT co-secretaries Sara Lichtman (teacher) and Patricia Saydah (parent).