

SLT Members:

Other SLT Positions	Teacher Representatives	Parent Representatives
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

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

Minutes:

January 12, 2018 SLT Minutes were approved with one edit. The SLT secretaries will send to Joanne to be posted.

Discussions:

Breakfast Program

- The “hot” breakfast program is not well attended (maybe 30 students). The Bag & Go breakfast is leveraged (100+ students). Question was raised by dietician if we should discontinue the hot breakfast.
- SLT recommendation is to continue the hot breakfast to ensure that families are not negatively impacted. SLT recommends we better promote the hot breakfast and remind families that the program is available for all students. Mention it in next Booker T. Newsletter.

CEP Goals - Progress Monitoring

GOAL 1. RIGOROUS INSTRUCTION

By June 2018, students with disabilities will improve their reading skills as evident by a 5% increase on the New York State ELA exam.

- The Pearson Reading assessment (mid-year) is still underway. We will have update at March SLT meeting.

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.

- A survey will be administered during 3rd term to collect feedback on the program.
- The 7th and 8th grade volunteers are signing up for the Buddy Program because they want to get involved (i.e. not because of pressure from parents). This is a plus!
- 6th Graders like Buddy Program
- Activity ideas: lunch pizza party / hot breakfast
- Idea to pair students up *at a subject level* was discussed (eg. some older math students are paired with younger tutees)
- Feb 27th is date set for next Buddy Activity. (Perhaps keep regular schedule of Buddy activity at end of each month.)

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GOAL 3. COLLABORATIVE TEACHERS

By June 2018, every ICT teacher team will participate in professional learning programs in order to improve the instructional strategies used in the ICT classrooms as measured by a 5% increase in the grade point average of the students with disabilities from the first to the fourth quarter.

- 2nd semester grades of IEP students were compared with 1st semester grades. There was a drop of 1%. Question was raised about trend in grades for the school overall, from 1st semester to 2nd semester. (i.e is the drop unique to IEP students?)

GOAL 4. EFFECTIVE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

By June 2018, administrative and teacher leaders will collaborate to ensure a differentiated Professional Learning Plan that appeals to a range of teacher needs as measured by an increase of 5% in component 3C (engagement) in Advance.

- Dr Elster reported that *Advance* data went up from 3.25 in January to 3.28 in February.

GOAL 5. STRONG FAMILY COMMUNITY TIES

By June 2018, 75% of parents of students with disabilities will attend at least two academically related meetings with teachers.

- School administration measured this goal, leveraging data from 1st & 2nd terms.
- Results show that there was an increase in family meetings with Teachers.

School/Personnel Update:

- ESL (ENL): 10 students at Booker T. are ESL students. School does not have a permanent position.
- Dean for disciplinary activities, Mr Rosario, retired in January.
 - Credentials to consider for new candidate include guidance counselor, social worker, administrator
 - For remainder of this school year, the salary budget will go towards subs (and any excess will roll back to MS54 for use in Sept)
- Alexis Ritter is on maternity leave (have subs in place)

Wellness Committee Update:

- Wellness Day is Friday, May 11
- Structure of Wellness Day
 - Each class will have 2, one hour sessions
 - Sessions will include topics like Self Defense, Gender Roll & Relationships, Finding Your Own Inner Magic, Hip Hop, Nutrition, Decluttering, Cyberbullying, etc.
 - If parents have contacts for other topics/session, please notify the Wellness Committee
 - May need parent volunteers to help on Wellness Day
- Yoga for Teachers from 7:30-8:40am on 2/14, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21. Parents are invited to attend.

Community Service Progress:

- Plan is to have a Fair/Assembly with a Panel Discussion
- 3 Ideas for 8th Grade Project: each of these ideas will be developed and then voted on
 - Party for Another Community of students (Perhaps partner with Beacon Afterschool)
 - Beautify MS54 Garden
 - Partnership with NYC Parks (1 day of volunteering)

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Middle School Admission Process:

- Booker T. is ready to submit “match list” to DOE for next school year.
- We had more students list MS54 as 1st or 2nd choice (so greater percentage of students will not get in for 2018-19 school year). Out of 1200 incoming 6th grade students in District, over 700 placed Booker T within top 2 choices.
- There are 68 ICT seats.
- The District has raised the question of each Middle School taking 10% 1’s and 10% 2’s based on State Exam scores. Booker T. is close to this with 6% 1’s and 8% 2’s.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 am.

Meeting minutes submitted by SLT secretary Patricia Saydah (parent).