

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

Observers: Jimmie Brown, PCD3, DLT; Anne Pejovich, Parent Coordinator

Meeting convened at 7:28 am at Booker T. Washington

Minutes:

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

Discussions around Agenda:

Academic Targets for Middle School Admission

- To support DOE diversity goals, District 3 is considering proposing that all D3 middle schools, including Booker T., increase the percentage of offers to students receiving a score of 1 or 2 on State Exams. In 2017, 6% of Booker T.'s offers to incoming 6th grade class received a 1 score and 6% received a 2 score. The proposal is to increase the offers, for the incoming class of 2019, to 10% receiving a 1 score and 15% receiving a 2 score.
- The SLT is supportive of the intent to increase diversity in schools. However, they are concerned with the proposed approach for two reasons. First, they question whether it will achieve the intended goal of racial and economic diversity. Second, they don't feel teachers will be able to adequately meet the academic needs, in a classroom of 30+ students, of both accelerated students (on path to take Regents) and students who need extra support to reach grade level requirements (state test score of 1 or 2).
- Why are schools like Wadleigh being closed, rather than improved?
- General opinion of SLT: This proposal needs more research. Is there data which supports this as the best approach? Are there better ways to achieve the diversity goals?
- Parents and teachers should get involved and voice their opinions.
 - Next CEC3 Middle School Committee meeting is Monday, March 12th. Consider sending out update to Booker T. families following this meeting.
 - Parents and teachers can email their opinions to D3feedback@gmail.com. Should school send out a notification to encourage parents to share feedback through these channels?

Walkout Plan

- The 8th Grade Student Council is planning a School Walkout on March 14th at 10:00am in response to the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and as a part of the #ENOUGH National School Walkout initiative.
- This is a student-led initiative, not led by teachers nor administration. Eighth grade students will visit the 6th and 7th graders ahead of the walkout to communicate the plans.
- The Plan:
 - Begin walkout from main entrance and walk to yard. Will hang banners in yard which students can sign and write comments on.

MS54 – SLT MEETING MINUTES for March 9, 2018

- There will be an organized program including speeches, reading of the victims' names, and releasing 17 dove balloons.
- Students plan to wear orange and black.

Planning for 2018-19

- Dr. Elster suggested that we begin discussions about curricula plans for next year by reflecting on the success of the changes that were made this year. E.g. Math leveling and Humanities mixing.

CEP Updates - 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.

- A survey will be administered next week to collect feedback on the program.

Wellness Committee Update:

- Wellness Day is Friday, May 11
- Planning is going well. Only need volunteers to fill 5 more session slots.

New Business:

- High school admission results were released this week. The school does not yet have a summary by High School (waiting on aggregated data file). There are 33 Booker T. students who did not get a match. This is up from 26 students last year (but initially seems consistent with an increase seen at other middle schools). Booker T. administration held a meeting yesterday for the 33 impacted families and will also set up individualized meetings. Administration will actively work with these families on appeals and round 2 applications. There will be more information available on open slots once NYC students accept/decline offers by March 26th deadline.
- SLT meeting official start time is 7:20am. SLT members are reminded to be on time so that the meeting can begin as scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 am.

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