

SLT Members in Attendance:

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

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

Minutes:

Oct 2017 Minutes were approved with a change in date of Open School to Monday, November 27th and Wednesday, November 29th. SLT secretaries will send to Joanne to be posted.

Discussions:

Community Service Presentation:

- Katie talked about the upcoming speaker - Natalie Silverstein from Doing Good Together
- Liz asked whether there will be an “action plan” for what follows the speaker and sees value in presenting to parents re:family opportunities, but questioned value of presenting to the kids.
 - Katie addressed both these points
 - Dec 4 – Natalie will speak to students during an assembly
 - The goal is to make the students feel empowered; to think about what they can do and how they can make a difference; recognize that it is their world.
 - Dec 5 – Natalie will speak to parents at PTA meeting
- We discussed idea of contacting another school who has done a Community Service fair (to learn from them). Katie will get in touch with someone from Hunter.
- Jerome and Katie will also reach out to WSFSSH to see if there is something that can be done in conjunction with the work on 108th St.

Blind Admission Process for MS54 & Other Middle Schools

- Dr Elster attended District Middle School Meeting. Blind admissions will be implemented at all Middle Schools in Fall 2018.
 - Blind admission means that schools would NOT see how students rank the schools on their applications.
 - Most likely, this will not have a significant impact on MS54. It may mean that the school will need to test a greater number of students.

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- District 3 Superintendent is also considering making other changes to admissions, such as Academic Targets, ELL Targets, and Free and Reduced Lunch Targets. No official decisions, nor statements, have been made at this time.
- SLT recommends that parents attend CEC Meetings to track implications/changes to Middle School admission process.
 - CEC 3 will address this topic on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 PM at PS 241.

Open School Week

- Will be week of Nov 27th – Specifically Monday, November 27th, periods 1,2,3 and Wednesday Nov 29th, periods 1,2.

Student Led or Student-Involved Parent Teacher Conferences

- SLT discussed options/formats for Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Student Led conferences
 - Student involved conferences (but not led)
 - Student fills out form before conference and form is discussed during meeting

Quality Review

- DOE will be conducting a Quality Review of Booker T.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 am.

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