

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

Observers: Anne Pejovich (Parent Coordinator); Randee Johnson (teacher); Richard Cappadona (teacher); Janice Isaac (6th grade parent).

Meeting convened at 7:30am at Booker T. Washington

Minutes:

May 11, 2018 SLT Minutes were approved. The SLT secretaries will send to Joanne to be posted.

Discussions around Agenda:

School Survey Results:

- The SLT reviewed results (overall positive)
 - The results show an increase in categories of: Rigorous Instruction, Supportive Environment, Strong Family-Community Ties, and Trust
- Who took the Survey?
 - 83% of the teachers; 61% of the parents; 96% of the students
 - Suggestions to increase parent participation in survey included:
 - Incentives; Direct hand off from teacher to parent at Parent-Teacher Conferences; a designated table in the lobby at Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- The SLT discussed why only “64% of teachers say that their professional development experiences this year have been sustained and coherent” and how to improve it for next year.
 - PD was set up this past year to rotate, thus may not have felt “sustained and coherent”
 - Some teachers didn’t know funding was available from the PTA for Prof Development.
 - There were some questions about Prof Development on Mondays and what is available/expected.
 - The survey results on “collaboration with other schools” is an outlier (skewing data).
 - NEXT STEPS: It was suggested that next year, the school set goals at beginning of year so there’s a coherent development plan to track throughout the year.
- The SLT discussed why only “61% of students say that their teachers support them when they are upset” and how to improve it for next year.
 - NEXT STEPS: Plan more wellness opportunities, specifically in homeroom.
- The SLT examined how to incorporate the School Survey results into the CEP Goals.
 - SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
 - Have SEL on more regular basis (once a quarter or once a month using the Election class schedule)
 - Use Laurie Santos’s Happiness Class for guidance.
 - COLLABORATIVE TEAM TEACHERS
 - A teacher raised concern as to whether the goal for 5% increase in GPA from Q1 to Q4 is realistic (for students with disabilities in the ICT classrooms).
 - STRONG FAMILY-COMMUNITY TIES
 - Make it a goal to increase parent participation on the school survey by 5%

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- The SLT will continue discussion in Fall to incorporate survey feedback into Goals for 2018-19.

HS Admission Changes

- Discussion about possible change in NYC Specialized HS admissions process.
 - State tests are proficiency tests whereas the SHSAT is an aptitude test
 - Discovery Program is an excellent opportunity for students

HS Appeals (37 appeals)

- Discussed status of appeals
 - Approximately 1/3 of appeals were resolved with strong placements (Eleanor Roosevelt, Manhattan Hunter, Clinton)
 - Some students received unfavorable placements in the appeal process (poor match)
 - Some not resolved
 - Beacon and LAB did not take any Booker T. students during appeal process.

Wellness Committee Report

- Feedback from Wellness Fair is that it went very well. Reviewing surveys to assess what sessions worked best (and bring back for next year's fair).
- Discussed whether to include community service within the Wellness Committee.
 - Would the school be interested in connecting to Yale Community Connect to create weekend community service projects during the coming year?
 - The 8th grade Community Service project would like to maximize the connections to the curriculum.
- Before end-of-year, the Wellness Committee is helping the administration to bring in a speaker to discuss smoking/vaping with students.
- End of the year/Looking Ahead
 - The Wellness Committee is in need of a new Chairperson for next year. Since the Wellness Committee is a sub-committee of the SLT, the Chair can be a parent or teacher.
 - The Wellness Committee will meet before end-of-year to identify a new chair person, discuss adding students to committee, and set goals for next year.

New Business

- Discussion about vaping and where it is happening. In Fall, bring in speaker on smoking/vaping/alcohol for parents.
- Principal Elster thanked SLT members for their service throughout the year. And welcomed 2 new teachers to the SLT in the fall: Randee Johnson and Richard Cappadona.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.

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