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 7:20am at Booker T. Washington

Minutes:
June 2017 Minutes were approved

Schedule of SLT meetings for 2017-18 School Year:
- Approved to hold meetings on 2nd Friday of every month at 7:20am at Booker T. (exception for October meeting – will be 3rd Friday. Katie will update on school website)
- Oct 20, Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8

SLT nominations:
- SLT Co-Chairs were elected: Elizabeth McNulty (teacher), William Reinisch (parent)
- SLT Co-Secretaries were elected: Sara Lichtman (teacher), Patricia Saydah (parent)

Discussions:

1) Report on Educational Planning Conference (Sept 16th):
Alison Gardy attended the conference as Booker T representative and provided an update on the themes of Chancellor Fariña's address including:
- much innovation happening at DOE
- iplan portal for CEPs (a living document)
    o Don't be wedded to what is not working
    o Think outside the box when generating the CEP
    o Include the whole community (i.e. custodians and School Safety)
- consider more open houses & tours
- literacy happens "in content"
- support the whole child
- find the joy in learning

Alison attended two workshops at the conference as per the suggestion of Assistant Principal Laura Lynch and report on these -
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- Response to Intervention emphasized "Prevention over Intervention" and noted poverty as a determining factor in putting a child at risk. She passed around the literature that was received on RTI methods.
- Computer Science For All (CS4all.nyc) emphasized the need to "unplug" before "plugging in." Computer Science is accessible to all as exemplified by using a dance challenge to demonstrate a program look.
  - Dec 4-10th is Coding Week. Looking for someone at MS54 to develop plan for MS54 participation. Joe Melendez is Manhattan rep for CS4all.

There will be another meeting on Saturday, October 28th on "Planning and Parenting"

2) <u>Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP)</u>
Dr Elster provided an update and SLT discussed:
- Folder distributed to each SLT member which included latest copy of CEP, CEP goals, school budget, school directory/organization, State Test results, June SLT minutes
- Dr Elster worked on revised goals over summer, based on feedback from DOE regarding June CEP submission.
  - Edits were made to Goal 1 and Goal 5. Both were edited to focus on Students with Disabilities.
- School budget must align with CEP goals
- iportal: is there read-only access for SLT members?
- SLT discussed revised goals. SLT members should review updated CEP and provide feedback by Oct SLT meeting.
- It was suggested that the CEP goals be shared with the staff via google.docs and made available to the parents, as well.
- October 20th is deadline for CEP submission

3) <u>Community Service for Students</u>
Katie Miller discussed the value of Middle School students' involvement in Community Service.
How can we get Middle school students connected to volunteer efforts? Ideas discussed included:
- Bring "community service" topic to Student Council for discussion
- Invite a speaker to Booker T. to discuss *how* and *where* students can get involved
- Community Service fair at Booker T.
- Potential buddy program with PS 145

The meeting adjourned at 8:35am.
Meeting minutes submitted by SLT co-secretaries Sara Lichtman (teacher) and Patricia Saydah (parent)