

Minutes for High School of Art and Design SLT • April 6th, 2017

Call to Order

The SLT meeting of A&D was held on 4/6/17 in Room 615. Meeting starting at 4:38 and it was presided over by Frieda Christofides as chairperson with Brian Lee as the secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included (when meeting was called to order) Brian Lee, Manuel Ureña, Frieda Christofides, Jose Contreras, Emily Nugent, Miguel Chavez, Jason Agosto, Ashleigh Staton, Evie Hantzopoulos, Khadijah Bowen, Nelsa Boyer-Madisson

Voting members in attendance with arrival times. 4:52: Nanci Richards/5:15 Rosalina Gonzalez

Guests in attendance included Ian Pasetsky

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous 3/9/17 meeting at 4:41. Seconded and so it is approved.

Bylaw Committee

Bylaw sections discussed.

- After much discussion with an agreement by consensus - Observers (Article III Section 7) will be allowed to attend but not speak at SLT Meetings.
 - The team discussed matter in great detail with each member giving their opinion. UFT Rep, a teacher member and a parent agreed to accept the consensus but believe visitors should be allowed to speak. But in general the team felt each group gives their constituencies opportunity to discuss items they would like brought to the SLT Meetings. Because the decision was not unanimous it was agreed to revisit this matter when the Bylaws are reviewed next year.

Principals Report

- Yesterday, and part of today we administered the SAT. It was a bit controversial because during testing, the DOE decided to make the essay portion optional. We had a professional come in and their consensus was that it would be unfair for a student to have to write an essay during the school day.
- I had some parent reach me and question the decision about taking the essay portion out of the SAT. My suggestion to those parents was to have the students take it on a Saturday.
- Progress Reports are being sent out currently.
- I wanted to mention again, that we are going to be holding summer school here in our school. This will allow us to start a bridge program to support kids with specific skills sets. An enrichment part, and one that targets their affect domain.
- I want to announce that on Tuesday some of our schools and educators will be going to Japan. There is a lot of paper work when it comes to international travel. The majority of problems (not in our school) come from the chaperones. Sometimes adults are unable to do what they are supposed to do.

CEP

CEP Goals. We reviewed the first 3 goals but with out the results of this years test the actually cannot be made.

Another variable was added to the AYP. That new variable is *proficiency rate*. In general we have focusing on Common Core Algebra. Safe Harbor: Which is a lower number in our performance rating. We have not yet hit it. But we were close last June.

Teacher asks: Is there something in math that is stopping us from meeting AYP?

Urena: The students were lacking the literacy skills to break down certain reading comprehension sections. This is why in our Inquiry Team we are trying to put forth and support the literary initiative.

Annual Goal from CEP

We want to Improve College readiness and career opportunities for students by increasing internship exposure, advanced classes, SAT Prep classes, club electives and activities, increased instructional rigor, and improved crossed discipline academics that provide connection between the academic program and the Arts electives.

Discussion:

- Teacher: I'm an academic teacher in an art school, and sometimes I feel like I am swimming upstream. I want to be able to tap into that. I do believe in the rigor but I do not want to take away from the art aspect.
- Principal: Success comes when there is consistency in the school.

Discussion on Rigor within the school. Generally, we agree that teacher support should be included in the goal and the club and after school aspect to remove moved to a different goal.

Though it is not in the goal it is in the action plan of the goal.

Discuss The role of the SLT is to help revise the action plan after the goal has been voted on. We will continue to discuss the next goals next meeting, perhaps separate out goals to smaller groups.

CEP Goal to approve parental involvement

- Discussion on letting parents visit school for one day. Parent/Guardian follows a student from class to class. Principal-I was trained to think of any negative outcome for safety. There are many things that can go wrong. All it takes is one parent for something to go haywire. It would also be physically impractical with a building that was not designed for this type of capacity. I'm not saying it can't happen. It just needs to be carefully planned out.

CEP Goal for better communication

- Discussion about Website. This will be explored from June to summer.

PTA

PTA has no matters of concerns to discuss.

UFT

UFT has no matters of concerns to discuss.

New Business:

- Next years member Elections- The parent members eection will be on June15, the same day as the PTA Elections. All other consistencies will need to run their own election.

Adjournment

Frieda Christofides moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 6:28.

Secretary
A&D SLT Meeting

Date of Approval

Approved