

Minutes for High School of Art & Design SLT

- September 13th, 2017

Call to Order

A SLT meeting of A&D was held on September 13th, 2017 in Room 614. It began at 4:35PM and was presided over by Frieda Christofides with Nelsa Boyer-Madisson as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Manuel Ureña, Jason Agosto, Miguel Chavez, Frieda Christofides, A Savage, Evie Hantzopoulos, Emory Davis, Nelsa Boyer-Madisson, Ian Pasetsky, and Jose Contreras.

Voting members not in attendance included: Devonna Cousins

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous June 15th, 2017 meeting was made by Frieda and seconded by Miguel and the rest of the SLT and so it is approved. A minor spelling correction on a new member's name.

Main Motions

Electing SLT Chairperson: Moved by Evie and seconded by Miguel that Frieda serve as the SLT Chairperson. Motion approved.

Electing SLT Secretary: Moved by Frieda and seconded by Evie that Nelsa serve as the SLT Secretary. Motion Approved.

Announcements

1. Meeting Dates for 2017-18 – all meetings will be 4:30-6:00PM

Oct 5

Nov 2

Dec 7

Jan 4

Feb 1

Mar 1

April 12

May 10

June TBD

2. C-30

Principal Ureña expressed the urgency to hold a c-30 as soon as possible.

The Superintendent's representative, Jared, is NOT available on these dates: 4, 11, 23, 24, 27

C-30s are to be confidential. It must be conducted separately than the SLT meetings.

October 12th is a confirmed date for the C-30. Ureña will confirm with Jared.

There should be an administrator to represent the CSA; 2 parents; 2 staff members.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Looking at Data

Reviewing academic progress through data [documents examined included 2015-16 School Quality Guide Targets for 2016-17; A&D Estimated College Readiness – Cohort T; 2014-15 NYC Progress Report and NYS School Report Card Data; Spring 2016 SAT Data; SAT by Subgroups; 2016 Regents Results; June 2016 Regents Data Summary; Fall 2015 and current On/Off Track to Graduate – Cohorts R-U; 2017 Regents Results; Quality Review Three Year Comparisons for Incidents and Suspension]

We are at an 85% graduation rate. However, only 37% of students who come in at a level 2-proficiency rate graduate. Only 4% of those with a level 1 proficiency rate graduate.

For College readiness:

Regents Results

70% ELA CC

65% Global History

60% Physics

51% Geometry

On/Off Track to Graduate – looking at Cohorts R-U

We were going to hit a wall with graduation because many kids fell through the cracks. There were 3 principals throughout their lifetime. It's difficult to look at the data from these different cohorts because the data was not the same. The metrics changed through the years. The city looks at every child and takes into account the proficiency level with what they enter as freshmen. Then, they look at what "added value" happens over time. Freshmen orientation showed that most of the kids placed A&D as their #1 choice. These are kids who really want to be here!

Quality Review Report

Previous QR A&D received: 4 developing; 1 proficient

2016-2017 QR A&D received: 9 proficient; 1 developing (more factors were added)

Looking at reports of incidents and suspension 3-year comparison

2014-15 there were 286 incidents.

2015-16 there were 124 incidents.

2016-17 there were 68 incidents.

Ureña attributes the overall environment for the academic progress.

Some cases might involve different scenarios, such as students where IEPs have behavioral components – we cannot treat those students the same.

Reviewing passing rates for the Regents – all have improved and most of the mastery levels also improved.

Math 86% passed CC Algebra 1 and 80% of those students, earned a college readiness score (70).

Science: chemistry pass rate increased by 17%; physics pass rate increased by 13%

Health/gym rates and art pass rates also increased – it allows for funds to be allocated from gym to academic programs.

Our estimated college readiness for Cohort T (current seniors) is at 48.53% and that's without having identified those seniors who are missing an exam or scoring a college readiness score.

Reviewed Student Achievement Metrics – 2015-16 School Quality Guide Targets for 2016-17

These numbers segway into the CEP.

The lowest third of the school has a 20.72% college readiness percentage. They have improved, but there is still a long way to go.

Year 1 – Cohort V 91.93% of freshmen earned 10+ and passed all the core classes

There has been a huge growth in an unprecedented amount to time from 2014-15 54% of lowest 3rd earn 10+ credits or above in sophomore and 52% in junior year. To our current data which is 82.56% earning 10+ credits in the lowest 3rd

We are currently meeting expectations and we want to exceed citywide expectations. We are going to be one of the premier schools in NYC – we already are in the arts.

Floor Open for Questions 5:35PM

Miguel – I notice that attendance isn't included in the data.

Ureña – we have one of the highest rate in HS's for a school our size.

Evie – Thanking Ureña & the teachers for all their hard work. Is there an overlap with chronically absent students and the groups in the lowest 3rd. Ureña: Yes, there is overlap there. We targeted the students with incentive programs – it requires human interaction, mentoring, hours.

PTA REPORT

Miguel – we are doing great. New executive board has been meeting to brainstorm how to keep functioning systems going and to establish new ones.

Some teachers' request will be met – covering the cost of college trips. Targeting seniors/juniors this election date – Nov. 7th; sophomores can do a trip in the spring.

UFT REPORT

Thanking Mr. Emory Davis & Mr. Ian Pasetsky for volunteering to join the SLT.

There was still time left and Ureña led the team through additional analysis of data.

Chairperson, Frieda reminded members to submit any items for next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

In closing a parent member made a note we did not have equal numbers of parent members to school staff. Team needs to reduce the school staff members by one person since the PTA already held election in June 2017.

Adjournment

Frieda Christofides moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 6:00PM.

Nelsa Boyer-Madison

Secretary
High School of Art & Design

Date of Approval

Approved