

Minutes for High School of Art & Design SLT

• February 1st, 2018

Call to Order

A SLT meeting of A&D was held on February 1st, 2018 in Room 615. It began at 4:36PM and was presided over by Frieda Christofides with Nelsa Boyer-Madisson as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Manuel Ureña, Miguel Chavez, Frieda Christofides, Andrew Savage, Ian Pasetky, Nelsa Boyer-Madisson, Jose Contreras, Jeremiah Hunt, Emily Nugent and Evie Hantzopoulos (arrived at 4:42pm)

Observers: Janeen Johnson – Parent Coordinator

Not in attendance: Jason Agosto, UFT Chapter Leader. Agosto designated Andrew Savage as the UFT representative.

Agosto emailed the SLT hours before the meeting...

“To all parties:

Due to the current state of Federal litigation between myself and Principal Urena, I will no longer attend the upcoming SLT meetings. The Chapter requests a Union Officer to fulfill this duty.

Sincerely,

Mr. Agosto

Chapter Leader

H.S. Art & Design”

Chair, Frieda Christofides asked Andrew Savage to designate a non-SLT member as a UFT representative. It must be an A&D staff member – not an UFT union officer as Agosto’s email noted and not someone who is already a SLT member like himself. Mr Savage said he was not involved in this decision and had no prior knowledge of any of these events.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous December 7th, 2017 meeting was made by Miguel and seconded by Andrew and the rest of the SLT and so it is approved.

Remuneration

Members updated the remuneration forms

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Happy New Year!

It’s the official opening of the spring semester so we are preparing for the end of the year

Ms. Daly is compiling the Regents results for this week to see what further work needs to be done.

Some data we just received:

75% in English

65% Algebra

End of semester date

English pass rate for...

2015-16 was 77.5%

2016-17 was 90.66%

2017-18 is 92.41%

Improvement rates have gone up over the last 3 years (9% to 16% to 22%) for students 90 and above over the last 3 years.

The number of kids attaining mastery level has been steadily going up. This is great because this is their struggle and what we've been targeting

The Social Studies pass rate for...

2015-16 was 76%

2016-17 was 88%

2017-18 is 88%

In the students of 90-100 category → 16% to 23% to 26% over the last 3 years.

The Math pass rate for...

2015-16 was 72%

2016-17 was 82%

2017-18 is 80%

In the students of 90-100 category → 15% to 17% to 22% over the last 3 years.

The Science pass rate for...

2015-16 was 76%

2016-17 was 86%

2017-18 is 82%

The last few years, the department was peppered with non-regents classes, like forensics. We are using it now as an elective

LOTE – Languages Other Than English

100% last year there were very few classes. This year the rate went down. It will be difficult to compare those numbers.

The Physical Education pass rate for...

2015-16 was 80%

2016-17 was 91%

2017-18 is 92%

ACADEMIC POLICY has changed no longer will be an annualization policy

If a child fails semester 1 with a 55 and have a certain attendance rate, that child can recover the grade if he/she has a 75 in the following semester, they can recover that class.

That will no longer be the policy. Now, each school sets their own annualization policy.

Next year that will not be the policy – so we need to continue parent outreach

We don't do credit recovery: if a child fails because he/she is missing something – that child is given that specific assignment and if completed, child can pass.

Progress reports – going out Feb 14th; Awards 9-10 grade; Grades 11-12 on Feb 15

PTC March 8-9th

PM schools starts March 10th

It's the last chance kids have to get that credit. No more PM Saturday school – can't continue funding when kids aren't coming in. We simply can't justify the moneys spent

Grades will be going out on March 19 – Marking period ends March 15th

CEP

CEP Goal #1 on page 13

This year cohort T Math Regents was in the 60's. Have to give credit to Ms. Budney and all the work in the math department.

AYP (adequate yearly progress) each subgroup has to improve by 10% each year – this is seen in the state report card once they graduate, but not before.

Saturday tutoring happens in the spring – but not pm school – for kids making up credits.

We can fine tune goals not based on goals from Jan data.

Math department is really using data, especially focusing on the bottom 1/3 – where we are seeing improvements in that subgroup.

Team reviewed the goal and decided this specific CEP goal will be given to the math department to elaborate on the goal – action plan. For next meeting – look at Jan data and see if we need to modify or change goals and start working on the next year’s CEP goals to be done by June

PTA REPORT

A few parents concerns that have been addressed. One was about SAT’s.

Ureña: On March 21st – all juniors are taking the SAT, they don’t have a choice. If a student is in attendance, he/she will have to take the test – exams were ordered for all juniors. Sophomores can also take it – it’s from The College Board.

Looking forward to seeing what the Fanfaire. Many people have been instrumental in it 😊

UFT REPORT

Savage: It’s the start of the semester and at this point there is nothing to report.

Upcoming Meetings

March 1

April 12

May 10

June 7 (tentative) – Since we lost the January meeting to the DOE snow day

Adjournment

Frieda Christofides moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 6:02PM.

Nelsa Boyer-Madisson

Secretary
High School of Art & Design

Date of Approval