Minutes for the SLT Meeting
Tuesday, November 28, 2018
4:30-6:30pm
Library, Room 455

Speakers: Ms. Theresa McCoy, Sunnyside Services
Ms. Madelyn Hatcher, Program Coordinator- Sunnyside Services

The discussion started with an activity to recognize that all members are a part of the whole school community and how important we all are to our student’s development. Ms. McCoy went on to describe the Community Schools “Coat of Arms” graphic which was separated into four parts.

1. Attendance-Initiative and events around attendance, being present in school daily.
2. Academic Enrichment- Tutoring, Career development, College assistance.
3. Health and Wellness- Referrals to Health Providers (Western Queens).

Cards were handed out and members were asked to answer two important questions;

-What do you like most about Queens Technical HS?
-What is one suggestion you would like to make about Queens Tech?

There were many positive answers to what everyone loved about Queens Tech HS, but there were many suggestions as to what may improve the environment as well. The Students in attendance made these suggestions;

● More bathrooms open to the students
● More soap and paper towels in the bathrooms.
● More sports programs for the students to get involved in
● A longer amount of time between bells so students can get to class on time.

Ms. Burg answered those concerns and stated that the bathrooms were closed for student safety reasons. Also that she has tried to apply for a co-ed track and field team as well as other sports programs in the school through PSAL, but she was denied because they will only support GIRL’s team sports at this time.
The last question presented to the SLT members (parents) was what in their child’s learning they were most proud of and all were most proud of the community environment of the school. Parents were asked to write it on a sticky note and post it on the board. Students also joined in.

The first part of the meeting with Sunnyside services was adjourned at 5:45.

There will be 4 more Community Schools Advisory Board meetings accompanied with our SLT Meetings.

2nd Part of the SLT Meeting began after a brief dinner break from 5:45-6:00

Speakers: Ms. Melissa Burg, Principal
Ms. Lisseth Salas-Ocampo, AP Pupil Personnel Services

6:00 Attendance was taken

*Maria Tenesaca Chairperson for QTHS Title 1 couldn’t attend the meeting.

Ms. Ocampo further explained what the Community Schools Advisory Board is In QTHS to do. She explained that the tutor, Ms. Bass will be working with the students “virtually” this year. She will “Skype” in to tutor the students.

Ms. Burg began the meeting to express the wonderful review QTHS received from the Superintendent of schools after her visit on Wednesday, Nov. 14. She enjoyed talking with the students and spent some time in Ms. Xuereb’s U.S.History Class. She spent the day with Ms. Burg and will be sending her official report.

6:25-The QTHS CTE program, which is renewed every 4 years by NY State DOE. They come in and talk to teachers, staff and students and submit for approval. It is for the approval for the seal on student’s diplomas. Friday, Mr. Zambrotta started a partnership with a CTE School from China to have 6 Chinese students shadow QTHS students throughout the day for three days. Ms. Burg expressed her opinions on having QTHS students visit a school in China for the CTE program in the future (possible 2019).

Ms. Ocampo sent out an email suggesting that all student and parent concerns be mailed to her at least 24 hours before the following SLT Meetings.
**Student Concerns:** Longer bells between classes, Bathrooms well stocked. AP tests and regents. Test anxiety. Pupil Path discrepancies/not understanding how they score.

**Parents Concerns:** None at this time

**Teacher Concerns:** Ms. Dimech and Mr. Whyte collected concerns for the school from the QTHS teachers and compiled them into a listing and will give them all to Ms. Burg at the end of the meeting. Here are the concerns of the QTHS teachers;

- Students leaving the cafeteria with food and littering the halls. A- Some students do not have lunch period so they are told to get their lunch and go back to their classrooms, but some teachers will not let the students eat in class leaving the students to eat in the hallways.
- AP classes and how students did not sign up for them. There were many issues discussed about students getting classes they did not sign up for.
- Only 2 teachers can go out on a PD (Personal Day) at a given time.
- Where the support for Teachers to grow in the building? Ms. Burg says there is plenty of room. Her door is open for suggestions
- Students pushed into multiple math classes where they are not competent and they fail.
- Ms. Burg expressed some grievances the Superintendent had with how some math students were not ready for next level math classes.
- Ms. Dimech voiced concerns about a particular 10th grade student needing help in that area.
- Teachers not matching tests with classwork.
- Teachers having a cohesive teaching plan so that all teachers in a particular subject are all working on the same curriculum.
- Teachers teaching and NOT speaking.
- Time teachers spend on lessons are too long and other things get tossed out due to time restrictions.

Ms. Burg expresses that the UFT and the DOE made agreement that curriculum is to be provided to the staff **Engage NY** for Math, **Next Gen** for Science. It is more of a Unit plan than a curriculum. She thinks all teachers really need to be on the same page and use the same curriculum.

Ms. Ocampo agreed all teachers need to teach the same subject matter that PROMOTES GROWTH!!!

Ms. Burg is working on a curriculum that will make testing fairer.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:45  
Next meeting December 19th, 2018 at 4:30-6pm Room 455 (Library)  

SLT Attendees:  
Melissa Burg- Principal  
Liseth Salas-Ocampo- SLT Chairperson/CSA Representative  
Jessica Dimech- Math Teacher  
Dennis Whyte- Science Teacher  
Vivian Colon- PA President, Parent  
Orlena Grant- PA Vice President, Parent  
Madeline Hatcher- CBO Representative  
Keitha Goodluck- Parent  
Martha Yumbia Parent  
Noor Aayla- Student  
Angelica Diaz - Student  
Natalia Mejia- Student  
Kimberly Mera- Student  
Israa Maaroof- Student