School Leadership Team Minutes 1/11/18

Call to Order

- Queens Vocational and High School SLT
- Meeting to Discuss
  - Review of SLT email addresses
  - Capital Plans for QVTHS requested by City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer
  - Bike Racks for students and Staff
  - Expansion of CTE
  - Voting will take place in conjunction with the capital improvement plan

- Attendee Names
  - Melissa Burg Principal, Liseth Salas-Ocampo AP PPS, Jessica Dimech Teacher, Thomas Raynor Teacher UFT Rep, Stavroyla Nicolovieno Parent, Keitha Goodluck PA Secretary, Vanessa Hernandez, Parent, Guillermina Cruz Parent, Kimberly Mera Student

- Observer Names
  - Madeline Hatcher CBO Coordinator/Social Worker, Theresa McCoy, Dennis Whyte, Robert Schimenz, Mauricio Bustamante

Remarks

- Capital Plans for QVTHS requested by City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer
  - The councilman called to see if QV needed money for Capital Plans
    - This would mean we would receive capital improvement money
    - These are large projects such as:
      - Expanding CTE, there is a factory next door that has been vacant for the past 2 years
      - At the very least we only have one plumbing lab; since we are the only certified school in Queens with plumbing we should focus on that expansion if possible
        - There is vacant space in the basement
          - This is extremely expensive
          - Burg has put in a request for Capital Improvements but was previously denied
      - Building heating/cooling could be updated/replaced
  - Councilman suggested that we look to the DOT with his support for bike racks
    - This should come from the students
  - In exchange for this exceptional consideration we should hold a vote here at school for the projects teachers/students/parents/community members would like to see happen
    - It will take place April 7th

- School Name Change
  - There has been an open debate started before the current Principal come to power over the possibility of changing the school name
  - Vocational has connotations of “Blue Collar” but the mainstream thinks of it as a place to send kids that are not going to college
    - We are not limited to just Vocational Programs
      - Often the school has received calls thinking this is a job training center, not a High School, yet we are a Diploma bound school.
    - This must be approved by the PA
    - The Chancellor even mentioned how it would be beneficial during her last visit
There was a consensus among the SLT that the name change would be a benefit to the school.

- **Citizens Police Academy**
  - For students/parents/staff
    - Class offered Monday and Tuesdays 6-9pm at the Police Academy in College Point
    - Classes offered in Legal/Social/Procedural aspects of policing
      - Allows the mix of Police training and social understanding of the process’ cadets go through

- **SLT Biennial Review**
  - SLT is asked to complete the online form evaluating the SLT’s compliance to including all members in creation of the CEP and how it affects the monthly meeting

- **Student Concerns**
  - Too many Finals, not enough notice given prior to the Exam
    - The schedule has been on the school website even previewed on the large screens around school
    - If teachers are not adhering to the scheduled dates students should let the respective AP’s know
    - Student stated they rarely check the messages on pupilpath

- **Teacher Concerns**
  - Students having keys to the bathroom
    - The only bathroom that students might have access to is located on the first floor, it is utilized for emergency purposes at the discretion of Mr Ailkakos
  - Bikes in the teacher work room
    - Staff should bring these concerns to the UFT chair
  - Administrators are juggling meetings during the same period and neither set of teachers are receiving adequate support
    - Ms, Burg will try and prevent this next year
  - The Bell isn’t working in 147
    - Staff can put in a work order
    - Or check the volume control button

- **Parent Concerns**
  - None

**Unfinished Business**

- None