

Maspeth High School
School Leadership Team
Minutes
February 2016
Room 317, 4:00 pm

Present: Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir (*Principal*), Anita Dermody (*Parent*), Theresa Geraci (*Parent*), Gabrielle Baker (*Teacher*), Keith Powell (*Teacher*), Natalia Jurek (*Student*), Leonela Tutasig (*Student*), Zoha Choudhry (*Student*), Francesca Giudici (*Secretary*), Anna Sangalang (*Student*), Brandon Weinberg (*Teacher*)

Guests: Vincent Healy (*Teacher*), Stephan Singh (*Teacher*), Jesse Pachter (*Guidance Counselor*)

1. Call to order
2. Approval of December, January, February minutes will be completed at the March meeting
3. Solicitation of new agenda items (none)
4. Principals Report:
 - a. Mid-year scholarship review indicates that students are credited and pass rate is high.
 - b. Mid-year graduates (about 30) have earned their diplomas.
 - c. The school has recently undergone a random comprehensive audit. The audit is being done of almost all schools in the city for things such as use of credit cards, per session, attendance, and small cash transactions.
5. PTA President Report: Mrs. Geraci reported
 - a. PTA has found a new SLT member
 - b. The next PTA meeting has been rescheduled for the night of February 24th to coincide with the Evening with the Arts.
6. Student Government President Report:
 - a. Student Government has continued its audit of all school clubs and made suggestions for consolidating and making clubs more effective in terms of membership.
 - b. Student Government elected their newest SLT member, Zoha Choudhry.
 - c. Student Government is beginning to plan the annual Pancake Social. More information to come.
7. Report from UFT Chapter Leader:
 - a. In the new semester there were some changes to teacher's schedules but they are being teachers have adjusted nicely.

- b. Mr. Powell urges everyone to look into the new Supreme Court Case, Fredrick vs. U.S. This case could have large implications for teachers and all unionized laborers.

8. Agenda Items

- a. CEP Update – Mr. Healy presented the 5 main goals written in our school’s Comprehensive Education Plan. The 5 goals discussed fell under the following categories:
 - i. Rigorous Instruction
 - ii. Supportive Environment
 - iii. Collaborative Teachers
 - iv. Effective School Leadership
 - v. Strong Community & Family Ties

After reviewing all five, it was determined that we would be moving forward with these CEP goals. Some suggestions were made in particular relation to the last goal with regard to more parent involvement. Ms. Delgado is going to create PTA event oriented nights and Mrs. Dambra, former PTA President will be helping out.

- b. Final 2015-16 Budget Ideas
 - i. Any items should be presented to Mr. Abdul in the next month.
 - ii. Ann presented a proposal for purchasing tablets/ipads for use in the Library because the laptops are often out of service.
- c. Book Policy
 - i. Review the 2011 established book policy and the updated version from two years ago. The origins of Maspeth’s book policy come from the convenience for parents who could not find the books and requested that the school store have them in inventory.

9. Open Forum

- a. Mr. Weinberg brought up concerns about Sustainability and how the recycling program is working at Maspeth.
- b. It seems that the trash is less sorted than in the past and we need to figure out why.
- c. Students commented that they have noticed lack of compliance in the cafeteria when there is no one monitoring the garbage receptacles.
- d. We discussed suggestions for what can be done to monitor and how we can positively effect change in the school culture. We need to promote “buy-in” from all staff and students.
- e. Potential blind survey could help indicate if this issue is important to staff and students and if not, we can work on making it important to the school as a whole.

10. Solicitation of agenda items for next month’s agenda (none)

11. Motion to adjourn