

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM OF
MASPETH HIGH SCHOOL

Room 317, 4:00pm
January 21st, 2015

Present:

Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir (*Principal*), Maria Luppino (*PTA President*), Denise Smith (*Parent*), Brandon Camacho (*SG President*), Brigitte Escobar (*Student*), Rocco Sanabria (*Student*), Stephanie Mager (*Teacher*), James DiMeglio (*Teacher*), Brandon Defilippis (*UFT Chapter Chair*), Frank Derop (*Parent*), Natalia Jurek (*Student*), Michelle Jiminez (*Parent*)

Absent: n/a

Guest(s):

Jesse Pachter (*Guidance Counselor, MHS*), Stefan Singh (*Teacher, Dean of Students, MHS*), Young Kim (*Teacher, MHS*), Mario Matos (*IA Assistant Principal, MHS*), Keith Powell (*Teacher, MHS*), Nicolas Scales (*Teacher, MHS*), Elizabeth Crowley (*City Council Member – 30th District*), Katherine Mooney (*Chief of Staff to CM Elizabeth Crowley*)

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes
 1. On a motion to approve the November minutes it was discovered that there were a few typographical errors. The errors will be corrected and approved in absentia.
- III. Solicitation of new agenda items
 1. No new items were presented to be added to the agenda.
- IV. Committee Reports
 1. Principal Report:
 - a) MHS will graduate early 17 senior on January 30th, 2015.
 - b) Kilns are still being looked into. We received a price tag of \$350,000.00 and we are actively searching for a more affordable price tag and external funding.
 - c) The van purchase has been approved and Assistant Principal Mario Matos is working through the details with Central.
 - d) The NYCDOE recently announced that they will be reorganizing into geographical districts. More details to follow in the coming months.
 - e) The MHS Courtroom is complete and it will be used as a quasi-classroom and meeting room for students and faculty.

- f) MHS's website is currently being updated by Mr. Matos to meet the needs of parents and students.
- g) MHS's open house was a success. We had several thousand parents and students interested in applying for the following school year.

2. PTA President report

- a) The PTA President had nothing to report.

3. Student Government report

- a) SG will be hosting a "pancake social" on March 7th.

4. Teacher report

- a) Teachers will have a chapter meeting on 2/24/2015

V. Principal Abdul speaks on the need to change the current enrollment policy of MHS so that students are better matched to our unique arts & humanities-based program.

VI. Open Forum

- 1. There was a discussion with CM Elizabeth Crowley and her Chief of Staff Katherine Mooney around the challenges and possibility of changing our enrollment policy from *limited unscreened* to *selective* and the potential impact on the school itself and the surrounding community of District 24. .

VII. Next Meeting

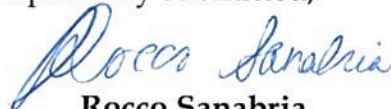
February 25th, 2015 at Maspeth High School, 54-40 74th Street, Queens, NY 11373

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Upon motion by Mr. DiMeglio and seconded by Ms. Stephanie Mager, the School Leadership team unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the SLT, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rocco Sanabria
Secretary