

Maspeth High School
School Leadership Team
Minutes
December 2015
Room 317, 4:00 pm

Present: Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir (*Principal*), Denise Smith (*Parent*), Theresa Geraci (*Parent*), Gabrielle Baker (*Teacher*), Keith Powell (*Teacher – Half attendance due to coaching commitment*), Natalia Jurek (*Student*), Leonela Tutasig (*Student*), Rocco Sanabria (*Student*), Francesca Giudici (*Secretary*)

Absent: Marisol Rodriguez-Agron (*PTA President*), Brandon Weinberg (*Teacher – Curriculum PD*), (*Parent*), Magdalena Jankowski (*Student*)

Guests: Vincent Healy, Stefan Singh, Julianna Bondi, Isabelle Godzyra

1. Call to order
2. Solicitation of new agenda items (none)
3. Principals Report: Thank you to Student Government for continued growth and participation in school-related discussion, especially during the Quality Review. Rocky and Natalia did an excellent job representing the school in their interview with the reviewer. The QR, a tool to rate the school, will be discussed as a later agenda item. The school is currently looking to invest in more technology for classroom use, such as LCD projection in classrooms, and iPad project in mathematics, and kindles for reading primary and secondary sources in English and History as a *secondary* teaching device. Lastly, the state has certified that we achieved 100% graduation rate.
4. PTA: Nothing to report at this time.
5. Students: Student Government was granted the Love Your Block Grant to create a clean-up project on 57th avenue. PSAL update regarding equal opportunity issue- legislators in the area have responded to our outreach and want to set up meetings with us to address these concerns. Student government recently approved a Boys Tennis Table Club.
6. Teachers: Nothing to report at this time.
7. Agenda Items
 - a. Revision of Bylaws to Include DC37 Representative Position
 - Motion to approve to revise bylaws for DC37 rep. Open Vote was unanimous to approve. Principal Abdul will amend the bylaws to include DC37 representative as well as one more parent and one more student. Those elections will take place once bylaws are adjusted.
 - b. Student Courtroom Procedures Presentation

- Student Government presented courtroom procedures and consequences for approval and implementation following winter break.
- Suggestions were made to improve the clarity and wording of the procedures:
 - Perhaps assign a student prosecutor to represent the teacher/staff who gave the detention.
 - Dean's office will make the decision as to an appealable offense.
 - Dean's office will create a new detention form in which students can plead "no contest" or challenge the detention. The form will also indicate that students challenging the issue are willingly placing the decision in their peers' hands and must adhere to the final decision.
 - A google doc. will be created to update students on the docket for appeal.
 - Lunch detention can be assigned without an appeal
 - Consequences should be appealing to students and serve as some form of restorative justice.
 - Frontload problems of students not completing the assigned consequence by having them sign the Dan's referral slip.
- c. Approval of New Clubs Protocol Change
 - Students Government proposed a more stringent system for new clubs to become approved which was approved by Principal Abdul.
 - Student Government will be conducting an audit of all clubs that are currently on the record; charter will be reviewed; regular attendance lists of at least ten members will be reviewed; new expectations for clubs will be disseminated.
 - A template for clubs to provide quarterly updates will be provided so that club Presidents will have something to present at League of Presidents.
 - Student government will enforce more usage of the school website and wiki.
- d. Freshmen Students Present TV Request
 - Julianna and Isabelle presented their arguments for why a television would be beneficial in the school cafeteria.
 - Student Government voted an approved of idea and plans to fundraise.
 - Students will type up proposal on letterhead to give to Mr. Abdul.
- e. QR Preliminary results
 - Mr. Healy and Mr. Singh presented the QR rating by breaking down our results in each category.

8. Open Forum

- a. Natalia- When might the Office of Equal Opportunity come to speak with Student Government regarding their concerns of PSAL policy?
- b. All- Members discussed ways to increased parent involvement. One method would be to disseminate announcements on mass phone call. Discussed creating

a night for all departments to choose student work for the students to present to parents.

- c. Abdul- Review of bylaws; three consecutive absences could result in removal from SLT.

9. Motion to adjourn