

SLT Minutes for September 22, 2009

1. Mr. Teitel opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, introducing the new and old members, and briefly explaining the function of the School Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT advises Mr. Teitel on issues affecting the school. One of its most important tasks is to work on the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP). The SLT has 17 members (the maximum permitted) this year: seven parents, four teachers, three students, and three administrators. The by-laws state that there must be as many parents as paid faculty members.
2. Mr. Teitel then announced the dates for this academic year's meetings. They are: October 20, chaired by the students; November 17, chaired by the teachers; December 15, chaired by the parents; January 19, chaired by the students; February 23, chaired by the teachers; March 23, chaired by the parents; April 20, chaired by the students; May 4, chaired by the teachers; and May 25, chaired by the administration. If there is an emergency, there will be an emergency meeting with the core members—Mr. Teitel, Ms. Breslin, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Paul Lee.
3. Next, Mr. Teitel distributed the 2009-2010 CEP. The three goals for this year are to reduce cutting, reduce failures, and Writing Across the Curriculum.
4. Mr. Teitel also gave out the SLT by-laws, which are reviewed at the end of each academic year, but have not been modified since May of 2007. He briefly reviewed the by-laws and reminded members that if they have any suggestions, the by-laws may be altered at the last meeting of the year.
5. Mr. Teitel proceeded to give an update on the school's overall financial situation. The budget for this year is 17 million dollars. This is \$400,000 short of what was needed; it would have been \$600,000, but Mr. Teitel rolled over \$200,000 from last year. However, if the ATR Pool is not reduced by October, the DOE will have to take back money. The pool is over 1,500; it was anticipated that it would be 1,000, and the DOE only put aside money to pay for that number (100 million dollars). Stuyvesant took its quota of two teachers—the only new ones hired—who serve as the first two subs of the day, but if money is withdrawn, Mr. Teitel will be forced to cut faculty advisors to clubs and pubs. He says the one thing he will not cut is Academic Intervention Services (AIS tutoring). The Parents' Association is trying to contribute. Ms. Breslin also commented that the system is being flooded within unprepared teachers and many veteran teachers, through age discrimination, are losing their jobs.
6. Mr. Teitel updated the SLT on the Common Application. The goal is that eventually all SSRs, teacher recommendations, transcripts, and any other school forms will be submitted online, along with the student portions. This year the college office is doing a test with homerooms A through H. If it is a success, which everyone imagines it will be, the college office may eliminate paper mailings by next year. Parents' Night is Thursday, October 6 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, and due to limited space, is open to senior parents only.
7. Mr. Teitel presented his decision on the out-to-lunch policy. He is allowing everyone out to lunch at the start of the year, but if freshmen get one U or two Ns, they will lose their out-to-lunch privileges second marking period. He is considering applying this to all the grades.

8. Mr. Teitel also ran through the schedule for October 14, the day the PSATs are administered. The Chancellor now requires that all juniors and sophomores take the exam. While not mandated to do so, Bronx Science and Brooklyn Tech are also administering it to freshmen. Mr. Teitel would too, except that he cannot seat three grades at individual desks at the same time. The freshmen will come in later for a guidance seminar in the auditorium, and the seniors for a college one in the lunchroom.

9. Finally, Mr. Teitel held the sign-up for SLT sub-committees. Currently, they are as follows (chairs are designated by "C"):

	CEP	Budget	Tone	Agenda
Administration	Mr. Teitel	Mr. Teitel (C)	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Grossman
Students	Mr. Paul Lee	Ms. Casey Griffin	Mr. Daniel Frankel	Ms. Briana Last (C)
Teachers	Mr. Diaz	Ms. Breslin	Mr. Badgley (C)	Mr. Rosen
Parents	Ms. Shapiro (C) & Mr. Lambert	Mr. Cal & Ms. Sage	Mr. Wood & Undecided	Ms. Watt & Undecided