

# **QUEENS TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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## **SLT Meeting**

### **Minutes for the SLT Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

4:30-6:30pm

Library, Room 455

***Chairperson: Lisseth Salas-Ocampo,***

***Speaker: Ms. Melissa Burg, Principal, QTHS***

4:30 pm: The meeting began with a brief discussion about the upcoming regents exams. Tips for helping the students prepare were suggested. 9th grade students will also be taking a mock regents test as well. Students were concerned because the tests do not reflect what they learned in class. 9th grade students were concerned because they were told that the test would count by some teachers, but that it doesn't count by others. It was stated that the test does not count towards their grade and that mock regents is a formative assessment it is meant to gauge how much you have learned for the teacher to see your progress and for you to know where you are.

4:45 pm: College Now Registration is now open for students to sign up. SLT Students were advised of the College now program and the pre requisite courses they could take.

Ms. Ocampo recommended that students take the gateway classes ( Critical thinking, Reading the Biography and Literacy and Propaganda) first and then they can move on to other courses. Students are encouraged to apply online.

5:45: Teacher Concerns: Printer in the teachers room is now up and working. Ms. Burg purchased a new one.

5:46 Students who are being released from lunch are playing loud music and disrupting classes. Ms. Burg will speak to Mr. Alikakos to have Deans be more involved in maintaining peace. If it continues to happen students will no longer be allowed to play their music in the lunchroom.

5:50: Student Concerns: There was concern for the lights in the gym because lights have been going out. There is a work order going out for the lights to be changed. The Custodians cannot change them because of their union rules of the height at which the lights are located.

There is also a concern about students are complaining about thefts in the student locker rooms. The causes of this can be:

- Students giving out their locker numbers.
- Students sharing lockers with multiple people.
- Students don't lock the locker.

- Students use lockers without lock and hope and pray that by the end of the period their stuff is still there.
- Student forgets to put something in the locker.

These are not excuses for someone to steal from the student, but these are acts that students need to be more aware of.

Adults are not allowed to be in the locker rooms at any time while students are changing in the locker rooms so they can only do so much. Mr Burg is open for suggestions because she cannot have teachers posted in there, but she would have to check with the female phys ed teachers and their schedules. Students suggested that a teacher can do a sweep after every period not just to combat stealing, but to stop cutting and smoking in the locker rooms. Mr. Alikakos will be briefed and will come up with solutions. Ms. Dimek also stated that there should be a checklist checked off every time a locker room is checked.

Parent concerns: The P.A. has developed a questionnaire for the parents to voice their concerns about their children. Parents responded with their concerns about kids leaving school during the middle of the day and then returning, financial information for them to fill out, Students fighting on snapchat, safety in the stairwells, and students smoking.

Miss Dimek also suggested that the school have an event for teacher appreciation week in a few months. The suggestion would be for students to describe what Teacher/ Administrator they admire and why. They would have to fill out a form and place it in a box in the cafeteria and the teachers would get an award at the end of the week. Students MUST be specific.

6:30 Meeting adjourned.

SLT Members in Attendance:

Melissa Burg, Principal  
 Lisseth Salas-Ocampo, SLT Chairperson/CSA Representative  
 Jessica Dimech- Teacher  
 Dennis Whyte- Teacher  
 Vivian Colon, P.A. President/ Parent  
 Orlena Grant, P.A. Vice President/ Secretary/Parent  
 Maria Tenesaca, Title 1 Parent Rep/ Parent  
 Noor Ayala, Student  
 Angelica Diaz, Student  
 Israa Maarooof, Student  
 Kimberly Mera, Student