



Queens Vocational and Technical High School

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School Leadership Team Minutes 1/11/18

Call to Order

- Queens Vocational and High School SLT
- Meeting to Discuss
 - Review of SLT email addresses
 - Capital Plans for QVTHS requested by City Concilman Jimmy Van Bramer
 - Bike Racks for students and Staff
 - Expansion of CTE
 - Voting will take place in conjunction with the capital improvement plan
- Attendee Names
 - Melissa Burg Principal, Liseth Salas-Ocampo AP PPS, Jessica Dimech Teacher, Thomas Raynor Teacher UFT Rep, Stavroyla Nicolovieno Parent, Keitha Goodluck PA Secretary, Vanessa Hernandez, Parent, Guillermina Cruz Parent, Kimberly Mera Student
- Observer Names
 - Madeline Hatcher CBO Coordinator/Social Worker, Theresa McCoy, Dennis Whyte, Robert Schimenz, Mauricio Bustamante

Remarks

- Capital Plans for QVTHS requested by City Concilman Jimmy Van Bramer
 - The councilman called to see if QV needed money for Capital Plans
 - This would mean we would receive capital improvement money
 - These are large projects such as:
 - Expanding CTE, there is a factory next door that has been vacant for the past 2 years
 - At the very least we only have one plumbing lab; since we are the only certified school in Queens with plumbing we should focus on that expansion if possible
 - There is vacant space in the basement
 - This is extremely expensive
 - Burg has put in a request for Capital Improvements but was previously denied
 - Building heating/cooling could be updated/replaced
 - Councilman suggested that we look to the DOT with his support for bike racks
 - This should come from the students
 - In exchange for this exceptional consideration we should hold a vote here at school for the projects teachers/students/parents/community members would like to see happen
 - It will take place April 7th
- School Name Change
 - There has been an open debate started before the current Principal come to power over the possibility of changing the school name
 - Vocational has connotations of “Blue Collar” but the mainstream thinks of it as a place to send kids that are not going to college
 - We are not limited to just Vocational Programs
 - Often the school has received calls thinking this is a job training center, not a High School, yet we are a Diploma bound school.
 - This must be approved by the PA
 - The Chancellor even mentioned how it would be beneficial during her last visit

- There was a consensus among the SLT that the name change would be a benefit to the school
- Citizens Police Academy
 - For students/parents/staff
 - Class offered Monday and Tuesdays 6-9pm at the Police Academy in College Point
 - Classes offered in Legal/Social/Procedural aspects of policing
 - Allows the mix of Police training and social understanding of the process' cadets go through
- SLT Biennial Review
 - SLT is asked to complete the online form evaluating the SLT's compliance to including all members in creation of the CEP and how it affects the monthly meeting
- Student Concerns
 - Too many Finals, not enough notice given prior to the Exam
 - The schedule has been on the school website even previewed on the large screens around school
 - If teachers are not adhering to the scheduled dates students should let the respective AP's know
 - Student stated they rarely check the messages on pupilpath
- Teacher Concerns
 - Students having keys to the bathroom
 - The only bathroom that students might have access to is located on the first floor, it is utilized for emergency purposes at the discretion of Mr Ailkakos
 - Bikes in the teacher work room
 - Staff should bring these concerns to the UFT chair
 - Administrators are juggling meetings during the same period and neither set of teachers are receiving adequate support
 - Ms, Burg will try and prevent this next year
 - The Bell isn't working in 147
 - Staff can put in a work order
 - Or check the volume control button
- Parent Concerns
 - None

Unfinished Business

- None