

## Minutes for High School of Art & Design SLT Meeting 03/14/2019

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### CALL TO ORDER

An SLT meeting of A&D HS was held on Thursday March 14, 2019 in Room 615. It began at 4:30PM and was presided over by Frieda Christofides with Maria Larios as secretary.

### ATTENDEES

Voting members in attendance included Manuel Ureña, Frieda Christofides, Robert Robinson, Jose Contreras, Gabrielle Gillian, Maria Larios, Emory Davis, Frederica Sayles, Ian Pasetsky, Amanda Buccini

Voting members not in attendance- , Evie Hantzopoulos (PTA President designee),

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous Feb 2, 2019 meeting was made and seconded.

### PRINCIPAL REPORT

#### New school equipment:

- Ordered new equipment for school: Promethean Boards.  
The **Promethean boards** have free software based on Android system. Definitely a better choice. They have gorilla glass which does not crack. The idea was to donate the Smart Boards, but unfortunately, no one has use for them, since they don't have any warranty. The reason they are being replaced, is that the repairs have become very expensive. Some schools mentioned they were too old. The Promethean boards will be installed during Spring Break. The cost to remove is \$375 for each one. When the Smart Boards are removed, the Promethean Boards will be installed. PD on how to use them for teachers.

#### Features on Promethean Boards

- transfer files though software.
- will enhance experience for students
- multiple parties can work at the same time.
- height adjustable.

PS 59 have already upgraded, so A & D teachers can see what they look like.

Mr. C has been trying to get the boards donated. They are going for \$85 online.

\$6,000 to relicense, due to the fact that software is expensive.

#### Senior status

- Seniors are now at 88%. Highest for College Career Readiness. This is not including May & June. It looks like it may rise to 90%-95% by June.

#### School Testing

- Every category improved. All above average.
- March 27th: SAT'S, PSAT'S
- Regents 2 Global History exams will be given. This year only. Old one and the common core one. Highest grade will be used.
- Other test being given in May will be AP Exams and field tests by testing company. School given no choice, must give these test.

**Architecture Major:**

Architecture Kids: have submitted several Designs for rooftop. Voting will be done before the end of the year w/ cultural society.

The Idea of the rooftop is to create a sculptural garden to enjoy during the nice weather. The space to be for multiple purposes.

- Architecture becoming less interesting for students.
- better job selling that major
- press release
- publicity "Branding out" architecture Major
- reach out to feeder school with STEM programs.

Parents mentions that the school needs to do better marketing . Discuss having better marketing at open house. Instead of just a talk, maybe show videos of each major. More flash. Principal disagreed, said kids coming to open house already decided on A&D. Needs to grab them before A&D is even an option for them.

Discuss repercussions if Architecture become less popular, how it will impact teacher/staff.

**CEP:**

We have been working on all the goals this year. School doing well. CEP will need some updating because of the items discussed in the last few meetings. We will make all deadlines for new CEP.

- Start long term goals for the school.
- Start discussing moving forward.
- Where do we want to be in 4 years?

**PTA PRESIDENT REPORT**

Parent chairperson make report.

Fan-Faire Feb 16th-17<sup>th</sup>. Went really well. Double its profits: already talking. about next year.

Discuss annual PTA donation to Freshman art kits. PTA in discussion to make upcoming Sophomores art kit for the cartooning majors. Mr. Pasetky says maybe would be better for Illustration department. They need more supplies. Suggested PTA speak to Illustration teachers. Item to be discussed further.

A PTA Sponsored 3rd College trip was taken. This time to Purchase. Next is FIT.

Online Auction in April

**UFT REPORT**

All good. UFT matters brought up and discussed during CEP and Prometheus board discussion in main part of the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING TOPICS**

Review hard copy of updated CEP.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Frieda Christofides moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 6:00PM.

Maria Larios

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Secretary

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Date of Approval

approved