



School Leadership Team
February 3, 2015

Members Present: Danielle Salzberg (CORE), Evan Smith (CORE/UFT Rep), Maria Hartman (Chair), Allison Schwartz (Student Rep) Ina Norris (Parent Rep), Irene Krugman (Parent Coordinator),

Members Absent: Ann Marie Foss (CORE PTA President), Mary Manhardt (Parent Member/Secretary),

Parents at large present: Susan Crowson, Mark Grinnell, Kristin Joo, Marilyn Lee, Sandra Weg,

Note: Teacher and student reps rotate

Agenda Items

- Cell phone ban policy:
 - Background - The PEP will have monthly meeting on Feb. 25th, will vote whether or not to lift the cell phone ban. Assuming vote is passed ban will be lifted. Effective Mar 2nd, electronic devices may be brought in to school. Each school must create a policy and have it in effect for Mar. 2nd lift.
 - What about the scanners: How will they be managed with the introduction of cell phones?
 - Administration would like to see the policy as strict as possible. Off and in locker, no phones in lunchroom, stairways and hallways. Due to the limitations of students getting to their lockers, they may opt for backpacks. There will be conversations concerning internet safety.
 - Lunchtime rules: What about out to lunch? We need to get a policy together for this.
 - Inappropriate use? Clear consequences. What are they? If you have multiple infractions you can lose your phone. If you lose your phone, you lose phone AND lose out to lunch.
 - Policy of using as learning device (teachers aren't planning on using them)
 - Who does the confiscating? When? Needs to be some sort of parental policy as well.

- **School Quality Review:**
 - Scheduled for Feb. 9th, last one was 2 years ago. Snapshot on DOE website will be updated.
 - Reviewer is a central admin person. Reviewer will meet parents at 8am, then students and teachers.
 - There will be a questionnaire.
 - 3 major areas: Instruct. Core across Classrooms (Curric, Ped, Assess), School Cult. (Positive Learning Environ., High Expectations), Structures for Improvement.
 - Danielle is asking for volunteers for Monday morning the 9th at 8 am
 - Our current network is New Visions: We expect to have improvement in areas

- **New lunchroom procedures:**
 - Not many issues. Stickers (free/reduced) all sent out.

- **Transparency of Regents Results:**
 - Timing of PSAT scores and Regents scores distribution was questioned. PSAT scores were given out late but kids can go and see results at any time on College Board Website www.collegeboard.org
 - Does the school do any prep for PSAT? Not for 10th grade. 11th grade prep in advisory. SAT taken in 11th, 12th or both. Coursework at FMHS is prep. for tests. End of 10th grade each student creates a plan for how they need to prepare. PSAT in 10th grade is diagnostic. You get a score report, unless it's very high then it's not used for anything. They can use 10th grade ELA. The Regent is offered in Jan of 11th grade. College NOW entrance reqs have changed. 48 in critical reading needed to be placed.
 - **Regents Prep:** curric. is based on what they're going to see. What happens if they get 75 or 78? Regents diploma (pass 1 math) for Advanced Diploma pass 3. In ISM 10 they do a series of diagnostics. 9th grade Algebra I, Living Environ. 65 if they pass. Teachers discuss w/ kids whether or not they're going to take advanced math. 10th grade MUST pass class for chemistry and Algebra II to graduate.
 - FMHS Had the highest pass rate in our network New visions (over 80%)

Meeting concluded at 6:13pm

Respectfully submitted, Susan Crowson