

Frederick Douglass Academy VIII

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SLT Minutes

September 20, 2022

Attendance: Grandchamps, Hurt, Holloway, Yearwood, Cylin, Rohan, Phillips, Balfour (observer)

Ms. Grandchamps started the meeting by outlining the role of the SLT and its importance in the school.

★ Mission and Vision Revision

- Needs to be revisited. Does it still apply to what we want to happen? Are we doing the job needed?
- SLT members will look at the mission statement and come to the next meeting prepared to work on it.

★ School Budget News/Staffing

- We are fully staffed except for paraprofessionals, but we do have substitute paraprofessionals until full-time paras can be obtained.
- Budget is tight
- We are working on a grant
- Waiting on approval to send two people to a grant working workshop

★ Instructional Focus

"At FDA VIII scholars will demonstrate their critical thinking skills through rigorous tasks as evidenced by clear, concise writing and discussions across all content areas."

- Ms. Grandchamps explained the thinking and work necessard behind this years instructional focus
- We want students to think and explain why this is the best answer

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- Data from classwork and state exam helped to form the instructional focus
- Writing in schools should be sustained despite the use of technology

★ School Uniform

- A discussion was held around the scholars wearing hoodies. Are they to be allowed to wear them every day or just on gym days? It was agreed that the students should be allowed to wear their hoodies every day as long as they have a FDA VIII polo or t-shirt under it.
- We agreed that there should be a consequence for the students not wearing their uniforms. Details to be worked out.
- Morning meeting teachers can fill out a log of scholars not in uniform
- A letter will be sent home to the parents about the policy
- Policy will be posted on the walls

★ Cell Phones

- We are looking into some solutions including the Yondr pouches. Some ideas were discussed as to how to use it. If the price is doable, then we agreed to use it.
- The parents were invited to attend the meeting with the Yondr representative

★ School Events

★ PTA Address

- Movie night - tentative date 10/7 rain date 10/14. 5pm in the school yard. Everyone will bring their own chairs.
- This is a collaboration of FDA VIII, 346, & 364
 - \$3 in advance; \$5 at the door
 - There will be a snack caddy with items being sold for \$10
 - Movie TBD
- Popcorn fundraiser

★ Next meeting

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- School events
- Cell phone
- CEP goals
- Mission & vision revision
- SLT Social

★ Dates of future meetings:

- 10/11/22
- 11/15/22
- 12/13/22
- 1/10/23
- 2/14/23
- 3/14/23
- 4/25/23
- 5/9/23
- 6/13/23

