

May SLT Notes

Meeting Purpose

Discuss school policies and updates, including dress code, specialized high school classes, and SLT membership.

Key Takeaways

Consensus reached to implement Junior National Honor Society instead of school-specific honor roll

Dress code policy remains contentious; survey to be revised and administered to parents

Specialized high school prep classes starting for 45 7th graders in June

SLT membership composition to be reviewed for compliance with DOE regulations

Topics

PTA Elections Update

Three new parents joining SLT in September: Alberta Malinieri-Burk, Jenny Oph-Augrabuck, Karen McGowan

Title I representative to be passive member next year, pending regulation changes

Crossing Guard Safety Concern

Recent accident involving Motion Picture High School student

Crossing guard instructed to be more diligent

Safety meeting planned to discuss issue with both schools

Community Board notified; considering additional safety measures (e.g., stop signs)

Honor Roll Society Discussion

Consensus reached to implement Junior National Honor Society

Focuses on academics, community service, leadership, and character

Avoids issues of narrow success definition and grade inflation

Specialized High School Prep Classes

45 7th graders enrolled

Classes twice weekly in June, 90 minutes each

Math (Mr. Javaid, Ms. Endres) and ELA (Ms. Alshami, Ms. Elias) sections

SHSAT prep book provided; additional support through AIS groups

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Dress Code Policy Debate

Current policy deemed non-compliant with DOE guidelines

Contentious discussion on appropriate language and enforcement

Parents expressed concerns about sexism and targeting of female students

Agreement to revise survey for parent input, including option for no changes

Specific changes discussed:

Replace "no do-rags" with "no headgear"

Change "no exposed shoulders or midriff" to apply to all students

Address open-heel shoes as safety concern

Next Steps

Revise dress code survey to include specific proposed changes and option for no changes

Administer revised dress code survey to parents

Research Junior National Honor Society implementation requirements

Review SLT membership composition for compliance with DOE regulations

Prepare for incoming student orientation, considering how to present dress code

Add to next meeting agenda: Title I chairperson speak, bathroom issues, IReady results/CEP goals check-in