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**OUR MISSION IS STUDENT SUCCESS...ACADEMIC, ARTISTIC, AND HUMANISTIC**

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### SCHOOL BASED PLANNING TEAM

Present: B. Pacheco S. Rudy, D. Parker, M. Fusco, D. Wachspress, E. Folts, M. Presberg, Aleah Adams, A. Punzi, E. Wilson. M. Mueller

Absent: E. Castello, J. Aspenleiter, Yessinia Aponte, N. Somerszaul-Rivera M. Gamzon, L. Kasdin, Austin Hammond  
 Guests:

DATE: Thursday, October 29, 2015

PLACE: A178

TIME: 4:15

FACILITATOR: S. Rudy

TIMEKEEPER: J. Aspenleiter (E. Folts)

SECRETARY: M. Gamzon (S. Rudy)

Thank you snacks: Parker and Wilson

TOPIC	PERSON	DISCUSSION/ DESIRED OUTCOME	TIME
<b>Approval of agenda and set times</b>	S. Rudy/all	Motion to set agenda seconded and approved	4:37
<b>Principal's Update</b>	Pacheco	<p>Things are going great. We are in full swing and off to a great start to the year. First marking period ends 11/6. Teachers already input goals for the year that were tied to the SCEP plan (PD, outcomes, etc.) Inputting SLOs by 11/13.</p> <p>School climate positive. Students and teachers are receptive to it. There have been minimal disruptions. School Climate Committee is underway. We are adding an Applause Committee for recognizing others.</p> <p>Pizza breakfast, costumes, door decorating contest for middle school on Friday 10/30.</p> <p>Rabbit Hole and Show Off Art Show went EXTREMELY well and very well attended.</p> <p>Mr. Chandler's first ice-cream social also went well.</p>	4:38

Spirit Week is this week. There has been a good response to it. Students and staff have been participating.

Saturday Detention and ISS are going well. There has been low attendance for ISS.

Only 3-4 students have been no shows at 4-5 Saturday Detentions...lots of work being assigned and students are catching up on work and grades.

SOTA is being allocated seven Chrome Book carts. Ms. Nicastro wrote a grant. There is almost one for every department – a lead person will be assigned for each dept. Thirteen smartboards, including for the art rooms.

Special Ed – The 15 students that entered STOA are placed and working. Computers and Smartboards are coming in. Language Live, a new computer based program will be used to increase proficiency. Ms. Harris teaching is teaching the two self-contained classes; one that was here and the one that was added. The additional self-contained class will be taking music lessons with Ms. Herman. They will need to audition in January or middle of 8<sup>th</sup> grade to stay at SOTA for 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Camp Cory trip went great! Seniors also went to Food Link earlier this month for a day for community service. They also ran the 7/8 grade dance last week. Bubble Ball is scheduled for next Thursday. Picture days were 10/25 and 10/26. Make up is in December. Announcements, Robo Calls and information handed out for picture date. Make Up date will be communicated and posted. Straight Outta SOTA shirts sponsored by the Student Government have been selling like hotcakes.

New Interim Superintendent is from Syracuse. Instrumental in getting people from Syracuse to come back to the city.

<p><b>Goals for 2015 - 2016</b></p>	<p>Pacheco</p>	<p>Brenda met with Donna Harris, consultant hired to work on building robust programs for Latino community. Looking at accessibility across all students. Wants to know how SOTA continues to exceed the district and state rubric in outcomes for students in this type of district...why are we successful with all of our students? Done with continuity and synergy of teachers and administrators and students.</p> <p>SCEP Plan: D. Lowengard (new Interim Superintendent) reviewed SOTA 3 years ago. The review this year has been moved into March so we can gather evidence.</p> <p>A lot of parents signed up for Parent Connect on Parent Teacher Conference night. In looking at 30 day data, 1/3 of parents have been on Parent Connect. 88% of our families are signed up on Parent Connect. SPA shows usage of Parent Connect by students and parents.</p> <p>There is more communication via internet between parents and teachers.</p> <p>A lot of parents came to last PTSA meeting: Rudy, Folts and Parker attended and reported on departments. Other teachers to attend subsequent meetings.</p> <p>SAT are scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> and will take place at SOTA. PSAT scores come out the week before Christmas to Brenda, then forwarded to Ms. Nicastro and counselors. Counselors working on recommendation letters and NHS/Top 25 Scholars celebrations. NHS has grown and is more diverse.</p> <p>Professional Development: offering professional development sessions for teachers on instruction, sickle cell, epi pen, teacher tools, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, etc.</p> <p>No longer a TIF school. People attending PD to be part of the community.</p> <p>We have a population of transgender students. Three students receiving support. Teachers informed.</p> <p>Brenda and Alan Tirre putting together a proposal for \$90,000 for music department. Need 28 pianos. Current piano parts are out of</p>	<p>5:08</p>
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		<p>date. Also looking at needs for cellos with Ms. Herman. Looking towards district for funds.</p> <p>Sub-Committees: Parent Survey Committee. Anne shared a survey created about Parent Connect access for SBPT to review/approve. Also shared responses to Deb's solicitation. Discussion on Parent Connect survey and evidence from solicitation tabled to next meeting.</p>	
<b>Constituency Share Out</b>	All	<p>Marybeth: Door decorating contest this week for middle school advisement periods. We have a Positive School Climate committee and are asking if any parents or students wanting to join. Committee coming up with ideas: Caught You Being Good, school patch, Breast Cancer Walk, a student going to classrooms to teach about bullying, staff breakfasts, NEXUS buddies (senior and 7<sup>th</sup> graders buddying up), etc.</p> <p>Aleah: Student Government wants to plan something for 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Positive School Climate committee and Student Government to get together to plan events for 10<sup>th</sup> graders.</p>	
<b>Approval of Today's Minutes</b>	Rudy	<b>Minutes to be approved seconded and approved Meeting adjourned seconded and approved</b>	5:51

NEXT MEETING: **11/19**  
**12/10, 1/21, 2/25, 3/24, 4/21, 5/19, 6/9, week of August 8**

Minutes to be emailed to SBPT, SOTA, and posted on sotarochester.org after approval.