**SLT Meeting Minutes**

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| **Date:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019  **Time:** 4:00 to 7:00pm  **Location:** Room 237 | |
| **Agenda:**   * Distribution/Review of January Minutes * Department Presentations – Foreign Language and Science Department * Administrative Updates (Ms. Smith) * Additional Concerns/Questions * Reminders and Closing | **Attendees: Gabrielle Vernord, Luis Quinones, Kayla Marte, Kim Smith, Maguy Belizaire, Carlos Gomariz, Christine Santiago**  **Facilitator:** Kayla Marte (SLT Chair)  **Recorder:** Kayla Marte (SLT Chair) |
| **Welcome**   * Reviewed Meeting Agenda and Last Meetings Minutes/Minutes approved | |
| Department Presentations –  **Science**  The eighth grade exam that students take their final year of middle school covers the curriculum from 6, 7 and 8th.  The science department is struggling with student language barriers; not only for ELL’s, but for students who lack critically thinking within the English language.  The science department would like to have balance beam, six globes per grade, rocks and compass for the regents/science exam, and a set of books.  **Foreign Language**  The foreign language department requests that the teaching move one grade down, to seventh grade. Another thought is to replace Spanish with history, and to move Foreign Language to down to seventh grade and/or to teach DMP through a historical perspective and/or change the scheduling between strategic reading and history; this conversation could be held until a spring meeting, closer to the end of the year, planning for next year.  Mr. Gomariz is requesting a set of workbooks for students in Spanish next year. | |
| Administrative Updates  Coffee with the principal is rescheduled to Friday, March 15th in the library at 10am. Ms. Smith will be providing parents with information and supports that they can use to prepare their child for the state exam.  Parent Survey’s are prepared. Ms. Gonzalez and Dr. Ali will be distributing them soon.  Two more laptops carts will be purchased by the end of this year, about 60 laptops.  Vista has a student council, one representative per class. The students come with their concerns and/or issues once a month and sit with the principal and the assistant principal. They will meet February 28th, at 1pm.  March 12th and 13th, Math and Humanities will be administering a Ready Assessment for all students. This assessment will mimic protocol of the state exam.  Parent Teacher Conference is March 26th from 12:30-2:30, 4:30-7:30. | |
| Questions/Concerns  Social Studies class is still a concern for our Alumni Scholars and staff. We will discuss this matter in a Spring meeting, closer to the end of the school year.  Parents are still encouraged to join the SLT committee. Would like more parental support at SLT. | |
| Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 20, 2018 at 4pm. Meeting was adjourned at 4:42. Luis Quinones second that motion. | |