



SLT Agenda & Minutes, 3/21/23

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Attendees: Mr. Hibbert, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Norwood, Elvis, Omar, Akosua, Joan

- I. Call to Order - Mr. Lewis - 4:24 PM
- II. Welcome - Mr. Hibbert
 - A. In transit today. Welcome everyone to March's meeting. We have had an action packed week. Next couple of month will go by quickly. I want to thank Ms. Norwood and any other parents on the call, scholars and Mr. Lewis. Mr. Keenan is out on a line of duty injury. Wishing him a speedy recovery. Had some personal stuff he had to take us. He wanted to be with us but could not.
- III. Removal from the CSI List - Hibbert
 - A. Hibbert: does anyone know what a CSI school is? Norwood: have to do with scoring? Hibbert: right. Anyone scholars know? Omar: Prentice explained it to me last week. Used to rate our school. Hibbert: excellent. Has to do with student's accumulated credits and Regents. Our grad rate did not meet the State metrics at the time. But in 2018 we were one of a few schools that made the greatest gain in the city. In 2019 we were on the path to getting off the list, but then COVID hit, putting a pause on the process. But in the meantime, we increase our grad rate to in the 70% range. But now we are finally off the list. Give ourselves kudos!
 - B. We received the news about two weeks ago. Met with teachers, students and staff. But we cannot rest on our laurels. We need to understand the process, so I conducted a PDo last week to explain the new formula—what made us CSI and what led to our coming off. Now we have to focus on staying off the list and implementing new strategies to do that.
- IV. Parent-Teacher Conferences (Virtual)
 - A. Thursday, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM; Friday, 12:40 PM - 2:40 PM

- B. Hibbert: there was a delay with report cards. Students will get them tomorrow. Parents can go on now to NYCSA to see report cards. But they will be mailed as well.

- V. Parents' Business
 - A. Norwood: none at this time.

- VI. Students' Business
 - A. Elvis: SAT day tomorrow. Juniors taking test. Trips scheduled. 9th and 10th to Lehman College and Botanical Gardens. Seniors to Little Island.
 - B. Omar: Elevate workshop started today. For AP and Honors students. Taught various skills—annotating, making schedules, note-taking. I enjoyed it. I learned from it. I already use some of the skills, and will use them going forward.

- VII. Adjournment
 - A. Prince, motion to adjourn
 - B. Ms. Norwood, second
 - C. Adjourned, 4:41 PM