

## **BLT Minutes**

### **Wednesday, December 14, 2011**

Members present: Mary Paul, Tara Shapiro, Betsy Sherwood, Nicole Farish, Michelle Jones, Fran Kalman, Andrea Lynch, Jennifer Amos

Approval of minutes from November meeting

Review of email responses regarding areas of focus this year. Possible topics included:

1. Creating a brochure of resources to support the emotional health of students
2. Review of Honors 9 admissions process
3. Exploration of science honors track
4. Parent communication regarding curricular and extra-curricular options and resources
5. Academic tracking through SOMS
6. Developing an Open House
7. Investigating the effects of anti-bullying work at TZHS
8. Examination of extra-curricular clubs guidelines and expectations
9. Review of Pre-Algebra data

A suggestion was raised to start the work on three of these topics and to divide into sub-committees to move forward in this work.

Three topics presented were:

1. effects of services available related to socio-emotional needs of our students,
2. review of guidelines and expectations for extra-curricular clubs
3. review of honors information

Two subcommittees were formed to generate questions for investigation.

1. Social and emotional needs of our students; compilation of resources available to post online  
Fran Kalman (as the point person), Mary Paul, Betsy Sherwood
2. Honors information  
Michele Jones (as the point person), Tara Shapiro

Review of new course proposal

Symphonic Orchestra—a 9-12 strings program for advanced musicians (NYSMA Level 4-6)

Discussion regarding potential budgetary implications.

Fully supportive of this class but not at the expense of funding to a core discipline.

#### **Homework:**

Generate questions for investigation within both sub-committees and share those questions with the point person for each group