SLT Minutes 12/19

In Attendance:

Miriam Nightengale, Principal

Maria Mellone- NHS Student President

Dmitry Faybyshenko- UFT Representative

Karen Foncette- PTA President

Theo Frye-Yanos- HS Government VP

Jahden Slate- HS Government President

Alexa Magalhaes- Faculty

Dwight Manning- Parent

Lori Falchi- Parent

Agenda:

Approval of Minutes

-A quorum was met and the meetings from the previous meeting 11/14 were approved.

Admissions Questions/Review

-Principal Nightengale explained that the previous admissions process before she became principal was a long test and supplemental application. Principal Nightengale changed it so that students could apply through their school which increased the amount of applicants and the diversity. The admissions test has been created by AP Hill and Principal Nightengale and graded by alumnae.

-You get invited to the test by being in the top 100 students in your district (3,4,5,6), seats are invited evenly amongst districts. Students are ranked based on the relativity to their own district and then the information is sent to the DOE and they send out matches. The end goal is to have a school that is equally diversified.

-We are not provided with information other than course grades, test scores, punctuality/attendance. All other information (race, income, etc.) is illegal to disclose based on city rules.

-The DOE response to the Chalkbeat article was no response.

-The DOE changed the process so that parents can apply without going through guidance counselor (now use myschools), which may have attributed to decrease in robust diversity in the sixth grade.

-To further explore this topic, we will look at what are characteristics of a high performer and consider different models to assess this. There are barriers to all admissions models but open to consider other methods to best fit what we look for at CSS.

-At a future meeting we can look at demographics and admissions test CSS administered in a previous year.

Question review for C-30 process

-The SLT reviewed draft questions and narrowed down questions.