Walter C. Young Middle School SAF Meeting Minutes

4/9/19

Meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM

1. Mr. Osborn told the SAF that our WCY faculty participated in an active Shooter/killer drill on the March 22 planning day. It was very intense, but unfortunately necessary. The trainer gave the school statistics about the number of hours a shooter will spend planning and preparing for the crime. The point was that schools must also spend time preparing and know exactly what to do and how they are going to respond in a worst-case scenario.

The staff simulated 2 code red lock downs in classrooms, but with the second one the police officers were firing blank gun shots outside of the rooms. The trainers went over safer spaces actions and teachers learned about the "fight" option which is the absolute last resort when confronted by an imminent threat to life with no option to run or hide.

But teachers were cautioned that using the fight option has saved lives in some situations but could increase danger if attempted for situations involving firearms that are not active shooter events.

2. Next Mr. Osborn explained for the first time ever, we are offering a free summer transition camp for incoming grade 5 to 6 students and also new to WCY students. It will be 3 weeks long from 6/10 to 6/27/19 from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. The school will be using Title 1 funds to hire the teachers. The goal is provide a transition experience to the WCY campus and also remediate and or enrich students. The subject areas are Language Arts, Math and Science.

3. South Area Advisory Meeting actions and minutes were shared with the group. Highlights included: Presentations from new Chief of Security Director Brain Katz who discussed the pros and cons of metal detectors in schools. Donna Boruch explained BCPS Parent Surveys are opening soon. Zenia Santiago provided parent booster guidelines.

4. The SAF decided that for 2019-20 officers, elections will be held at the first meeting in the fall. Four parents present today have a 6th or 7th grader and plan to be involved on the SAF next year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM