

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, October 1, 2008
Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts
Site-Based Decision Making Team (SBDM)

- Rubi called the meeting to order and reiterated our purpose, which is to work in a collaborative manner with the principal to meet the goals of DISD and Booker T.
- Minutes for last meeting were approved.
- Dina reported on the state of the school, including our focus on student achievement.
- Brandt Wood reported a \$250,00 profit from the June gala, and also stated that the Advisory board was currently recruiting mentors.
- Pam reported on the PTSA meeting, including the presentation by Kaplan Test Prep.
- Gina Williams, the secretary of the Alumni Association, reported that their focus is on their Annual Holiday Party.
- Tracie Fraley explained the PSAT/SAT tutoring that she arranged. She feels that the school can attain national and international recognition. She stated that the CIP plan should not be lengthy, but instead should contain 7 or 8 things will we change to meet our goals. We need to shoot higher than TAKS and improve our SAT and ACT scores. She is proud of our parent and community support. She stated that we need to take care of Amber, the mythical student and teacher who need our special attention. She referenced the budget crisis, stating that at this time we have seven frozen positions. The district will pay for Saturday schools, so we will do rehearsals concurrently with these days to defray costs. She requested school supplies, since 30% of our students are on free lunch. Tracie want to see us move from recognized to exemplary.
- Darlene discussed volunteer protocol.
- The November 1 dedication ceremony is postponed.
- Brent Hasty gave a MARVELOUS talk with many salient points:
His cognitive and creative process started at Booker T.
- Brent presented a fundamental question: How do we come to present what we know in a way that is meaningful to others?
- He stated we need to reduce the distance between the four clusters.
Good quote: "Let your laziness scare you into action."

**Innovations in education should be determined by those
closest to students.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Phife