

t.Lab Parent University
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 19, 2016

Meeting Participants:

Mrs. Renea Hicks, Mr. Tehry Owens, Mrs. Michelle Faulkcon, Mr. Roy Dixon, Dr. Darnell Kaigler (for Dr. Thompson), Mrs. Enre Laney, Mr. Stuart Boswell, Mrs. Muhummah Banks, Mrs. Stacy Gibson, Mrs. Shaita Wimberly, Mrs. Dawn O'Neal, Mrs. Murlean Williams, Mr. James C. Thomas, Mrs. Vanessa Williams, Mrs. Anna Cheeks, Mrs. Tameka Martin, Mrs. Marketta Holmes, Mrs. Dorma McGruder, and Dr. C. Nixon, Jr.,

Dr. Nixon provided opening prayer.

- Goals and Objectives
- Review and inform parents of student academic performance through Friday, November 18, 2016.
- Communicate student academic requirements through December 31, 2016.
- Answer questions and resolve parental issues.
- **Meeting Minutes - October 2016**
- The minutes from October 2016 Parent University's meeting was shared with each parent participating in the meeting (see attached)
- A study skills class will be held on November 29 through December 2, 2016.
- Classes on November 29, 30, and December 1, 2016 will be provided using the internet. The final class on December 2, 2016 will be conducted at t.Lab at DWO. Please go to www.tlab-globalevents.com to register for this class.
- **Oratory Contests:**
 - The 1st Oratory Contest will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Rainbow Push Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.
 - Most t.Lab students, especially those operating below grade level in ELA and reading are expected to participate in this contest.

- T.Lab provides public speaking training for students on Thursday and Saturday of each week. Students are expected to participate.
- Speeches for the Rainbow Push contest have been written - and provided to students.
- A separate email will be sent to parents and students seeking confirmation of participation in this event.
- There is a fee to participate in this event. The fee will cover bus travel and meals.

- **Student Leadership Assessments and Improvement Plans:**
 - A special class was held on Saturday, November 12, 2016.
 - The purpose of the class was to assist parents with making adjustments to initial assessments and complete plans for improving student leadership traits and competencies.
 - Meeting minutes (from the November 12 session) were distributed during the meeting. Parents are encouraged to use the minutes to make adjustments to initial assessments and establishing leadership improvement plans for their students.
 - Another Leadership Assessment and Improvement Plan session will be held in December 2016.
 - There is a need to revise most student assessments and establishing improvement plans.

- **Student Performance and RWF Reporting - through 11/17/2016**
 - We reviewed student performance reports:
 - Every parent present in the meeting was provided their student's learning plan.
 - A majority of students operate below grade level in ELA and Math.
 - Every student has been provided with learning plans with goals to realize an increase in grade level competence by December 31, 2016.
 - A majority of students are not meeting weekly goals as defined in their learning plans. This would include application systems and tutoring sessions.
 - Those parents not present in the meeting will be provided their students performance report by Wednesday, November 23, 2016 - via email.

- RWF staff will be provided an executive summary and detailed report for every student by Tuesday, November 29, 2016.
- **Guest Speaker - Mr. Dale Seaton (see attached biography)**
 - Mr. Dale Seaton, Teacher, Police Officer, Minister, Rapper, and father of two (2) successful students - encouraged parents to do the following:
 - Seek God and enhance your commitment to prayer.
 - Assume a leadership position in your student's life.
 - Prioritize student activities and committing them to academic excellence.
 - Shun urges to seek being "popular" with your student.
 - Shun urges to seek being popular with family while raising your student.
 - Focus on long term success through a daily regimen with your student.
 - Leverage and use t.Lab resources and tools to enable your child to academic and career excellence.
- **Questions and Answers:**
 - Mr. Seaton answered several questions from parents - most of these questions focused on interacting with children and not adhering to their (children's) request for things not consistent with academic excellence. Mr. Seaton agreed to return to Parent University while bringing his daughters (Melissa and Sharone) and Akilah Johnson (a t.Lab student) to speak with parents and students.
- Mrs. Dorma McGruder provided closing prayer.