

When Students Lead Meeting Notes
November 4th, 2018

Objective: As the first meeting of the year, the group will introduce themselves to the fellow group members and learn how each other got their name. The group members will go over group expectations/ mission statements. Lastly, students will go review their application and discuss with group members.

What role has the Teaneck Public Schools played in your development?

- Teaneck has served as a safe space to many and has made many feel at home.
- The school system has managed to serve as a bridge and gateway to mixing many cultures and people together. Events such as the culture bowl, celebrates the various ethnicities and cultures present in Teaneck, and finds way to bring them altogether without discrimination.
- The public school system has provided students with educational opportunities such free tutoring and camps dedicated to benefitting the students academic needs.

If you could change one thing about the current school you attend, what would it be and why?

- The amount of homework given is excessive and sometimes last longer than the school day itself. With the amount of homework, students barely have time for family and friends, but most importantly themselves.
- Teachers and the administration should listen to students more often on what they would want to improve, what they like about the school they go to etc. Often times students are not asked about their opinions but given they are the ones receiving the product their opinions should be considered.

- Although there are many programs and things in place to help students with their academics, homework club truly served as a place where students could sit and seek help with their academics.
- The conditions of the bathrooms can be improved due to the fact that most of the stalls have no doors, and the sinks do not work.

Additional comments:

- We wish that students, faculty, etc were more aware of their surroundings and more tolerant of one another.
- We would like for teachers to take notice of how they teach, and assess ways to teach different ways to teach different kinds of students.
- There should be programs or resources for students who are struggling and resources that can help align them on track.