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## Consultation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2006

In attendance: Helen Kaufman — Assistant Superintendent  
Rose O'Connor — UFT Chapter Leader  
Judy Cohen — Coordinator of Audiology

- I. **Budget** — Rose said that she was informed by the UFT that the committee was to be part of a discussion on how monies are spent. Helen said that she only had a preliminary budget. Rose asked how to access the HES information on Galaxy. Helen did not know what code HES uses. Rose indicated that all schools can access their budgets and it was not fair that she couldn't get into the HES budget. Helen looked at a list and said that HES has \$13,000 in OTPS. She suggested that teachers discuss with their supervisors what their needs are.
- II. **Circular 6** — Rose reminded Helen that although a number of positions were voted on last year, in September most of these positions were eliminated. Helen said that the budget will be tight for the next school year, so she is willing to continue with only the positions that exist this year. They will include: high school coordinator, high school transition, and coordinator of audiology.
- III. **September Changes** — Rose said that she is aware that the self-contained class program at Murrow HS will close in September. Students will either go to Murray Bergtraum or Westinghouse. She wanted to know if there are any other changes. Helen indicated that Martin Van Buren in Queens will lose a position. Also, I98K will go from two classes to one class and a teacher is needed.
- IV. **Preference Sheets** — The question was raised as to when the preference sheets will be mailed to the HES staff. Helen said that the mailing will go out in the next day or two.
- V. **Chapter 683** — The question was raised as to when the staff will be notified about their positions for the summer. Helen said that Vicki Paul was still working on it and everyone should be notified in a week or two.