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School Leadership Team Meeting

January 22, 2026

In Attendance:

SLT Role	Name	SLT Role	Name
Member		Timekeeper	
Member	Marie Lewis	Member	
Member	Jose Dennis, DC37	Chairperson	Lisa Singletary, UFT
Member	*Liza Ortiz, Principal	On call	
Member	LaTicia Thompson, Parent	In person	Tyana Neverova Carmela Gaytam Sonya Lnzo
Secretary	Jahania Pizzini, UFT		

The meeting, called to order at **4:43 PM** Roll call conducted; **quorum was met** Meeting conducted as an **SLT meeting** and **Motion was properly made.**

Review of Previous

A motion was made and approved to:

- Accept the agenda for the January 22, 2026 SLT meeting
 - Adjust the agenda to prioritize unfinished business and voting items
- Motion approved.

Review of Unfinished Business

The SLT reviewed nine (9) items of unfinished business, beginning with clarification of the agenda format.

Key Discussion Topics:

- Parent Leadership updates
- Title I and Parent Engagement updates

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A motion was made and approved to:

- Accept SLT minutes from September–December
- Members may submit written revisions by January 30, 2026

Motion approved.

Bylaws Review and Revisions- 1 hour discussion.

Motions Approved:

- Adoption of amended bylaws
- Title I PAC Chair accepted as a mandatory SLT member
- Quorum revised to consist of two (2) parents and two (2) staff members
- Removal of Charles E. from the SLT due to lack of attendance, in accordance with bylaws
- Approval for CEP stakeholders to speak during meetings without committee membership (non-voting)

SLT Meeting Schedule

- June SLT meeting will be held on June 8th, 2026
- SLT meetings should be held on the 4th Thursday of every month for the remainder of the School Calendar year with an exception to June.
- Future meetings to be predetermined in September. Motion approved

Committee Updates

- Formation of a Bylaws Subcommittee
- Discussion of CEP priorities and cluster alignment
- Motion to accept all of the minutes from September-December with changes. Due by January 30th with revisions Motion accepted
- Motion to accept agenda for today's SLT meeting. Motion accepted.

CEP (Comprehensive Educational Plan) Review

- ELA I-ready Diagnostic Exam
- Math I-ready Diagnostic Exam

Title I and School Budget Overview

- Vacancies

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- Assistant Principal
- Secretary
- Science Teacher
- Foreign Language Teacher
- Paraprofessionals (4)
- Guidance Counselor (on leave)
- Community Associate
- Outside agencies to support the schools performing arts programs
- Nominated a new Art teacher to be a substitute teacher and potentially become a permanent teacher for the upcoming school year.
- Vendors used to purchase SWAG for the students.
- Relocation back to the 5th floor to support smaller class sizes.

Family and Community Engagement

- Ms. Neverova is interested in purchasing planners for the students. To begin to implement it during the beginning of the following school year.
- Ms. Singleary inquired about the CBOs that were interviewed to service the school. Dr. Ortiz is still in the process of looking/ selecting a CBO.
- New laptops with built in internet connection have been distributed to all students

Pivot to Remote

- Students will follow a virtual schedule
- Schedule will be emailed to parents and posted on school counselors' Google Classrooms

Next Steps and Adjournment

- Introduction of a new family communication app to improve school-home communication and support teaching practices
- Picture Day scheduled for the following week
- Upcoming Volleyball Tournament

The meeting concluded at 6:06 PM

