

Bushwick Leaders' High School for Academic Excellence
School Leadership Team Meeting
December 11, 2024
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Attendance:

- Nick Marrone, SLT Chairperson and UFT Chapter Leader
- Stephen Birkmire, SLT Secretary and UFT Member
- Melissa De Los Santos, Parent Coordinator
- Samia Aziz, DC37 - School Aide Representative
- Steven Arriaga, Good Shepherd Services
- Tonatiuh Ramos, UFT Member
- Margaret Rivera Meneca, Parent Representative
- Yesenia Reyes, Parent Representative
- Jennifer Lopez, Parent Representative
- Jeannette Tejada, Parent Representative

Absent:

- Enrique Garcia, Principal
- Annette Gordon, PTA President
- Marleny Encarnación, Parent Representative
- Isai Medina, Student Representative
- Adelin Nunez, Student Representative

Agenda:

- Attendance/Roll Call
- Approval of November Meeting Minutes
- Vaping and BLHS Students
- Other Business
- Adjournment of SLT Meeting

Review and Approve Minutes from November 2024 Meeting:

- The SLT reviewed and approved the minutes from the November SLT Meeting.
 - Motion to approve November SLT Minutes by Yesenia Reyes, seconded by Jennifer Lopez.

Vaping and BLHS Students:

- Ms. Reyes and Ms. Lopez spoke on children getting sick from vaping and the need for parents/guardians to get more involved in checking their children's belongings.
- On December 18, 2024, at 6pm, Ms. Reyes shared that a workshop would be held about vaping and BLHS students. It is important that as many school community members attend as possible.
- Information needs to be communicated to both our children and parents about the dangers of vaping.
- How can BLHS deal with this issue? (step by step consequences, explaining dangers of vaping, counseling services)
 - Some parents voiced that consequences should be severe.

Other Business:

- Ms. Tejada commented that a fundraiser will be starting in January to pay for the senior trip.
- Several parents commented that our school should be holding more trips.
- Ms. Reyes will provide an update on the student and parent workshops on vaping in our next SLT meeting.
- Parents were inquiring if our school is still looking to become a scanning school.
 - Principal Garcia said that BLHS has put in a request to become a scanning school, but have not been told that scanning would happen this year. We will circle back with the Superintendent and Borough Safety Director about this.
- Parents are interested in what the school can do in terms of screening our students for vapes (scanning was mentioned).
 - Principal Garcia said that scanning is only completed for safety purposes in DOE schools.
- There was no other business discussed during tonight's SLT Meeting.

Adjournment of SLT Meeting:

- Motion to adjourn November SLT Meeting by Nick Marrone, seconded by Yesenia Reyes.
- The next SLT Meeting will take place on January 8, 2025.