

**Bushwick Leaders' High School for Academic Excellence**  
**School Leadership Team Meeting**  
**March 12, 2025**  
**6:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

- Nick Marrone, SLT Chairperson and UFT Chapter Leader
- Enrique Garcia, Principal
- Stephen Birkmire, SLT Secretary and UFT Member
- Melissa De Los Santos, Parent Coordinator
- Yesenia Reyes, PTA President
- Samia Aziz, DC37 - School Aide Representative
- Tonatiuh Ramos, UFT Member
- Marleny Encarnación, Parent Representative
- Jeannette Tejada, Parent Representative
- Adelin Nunez, Student Representative

Absent:

- Steven Arriaga, Good Shepherd Services
- Margaret Rivera Meneca, Parent Representative
- Jennifer Lopez, Parent Representative
- Annette Gordon, Parent Representative
- Isai Medina, Student Representative

**Agenda:**

- Attendance/Roll Call
- Approval of February Meeting Minutes
- Updates from Principal Garcia
- Other Business
- Adjournment of SLT Meeting

**Review and Approve Minutes from February 2025 Meeting:**

- The SLT reviewed and approved the minutes from the February SLT Meeting.
  - Motion to approve February SLT Minutes by Nick Marrone, seconded by Yesenia Reyes.

### **Updates from Principal Garcia:**

- Principal Garcia provided the following updates to the SLT:
  - Hallway Checks:
    - Hallway checks are going well.
    - A student representative expressed some concerns with hallway checks - is BLHS being fair with discipline around hallway checks?
      - Principal Garcia reaffirmed that all students are being treated fairly with our hallway policy.
      - Principal Garcia outlined consequences for students being in violation of the hallway policy, including in-school suspension.
      - Substitute teachers will be provided with hallpasses when they enter the building each morning.
      - BLHS will be implementing SmartPass - a digital hallpass system - beginning next week.
  - Cell Phone Policy:
    - Principal Garcia reviewed results from a survey distributed to staff about our Cell Phone Policy at the midpoint of the school year.
      - Feedback from staff about the implementation of the policy this year has been positive overall.
    - Students were reminded of the Cell Phone Policy through an assembly during the school day.
  - Use of Electronic Devices Policy
    - Concerns about students bringing non-DOE issued devices e.g., iPad, Macbook Pro) into classrooms were expressed.
    - A contract will be created for students and parents/guardians about using non-DOE issued devices responsibly.

### **Other Business**

- There was no other business discussed during tonight's SLT Meeting.

### **Adjournment of SLT Meeting:**

- Motion to adjourn March SLT Meeting by Yesenia Reyes, seconded by Samia Aziz.
- The next SLT Meeting will take place on April 9, 2025.