

**Bushwick Leaders' High School for Academic Excellence**  
**School Leadership Team Meeting**  
**May 22, 2025**  
**6:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

- Nick Marrone, SLT Chairperson and UFT Chapter Leader
- Enrique Garcia, Principal
- Jeannette Tejada, Parent Representative
- Melissa De Los Santos, Parent Coordinator
- Yesenia Reyes, PTA President
- Tonatiuh Ramos, UFT Member
- Marleny Encarnación, Parent Representative

Absent:

- Samia Aziz, DC37 - School Aide Representative
- Steven Arriaga, Good Shepherd Services
- Margaret Rivera Meneca, Parent Representative
- Annette Gordon, Parent Representative
- Stephen Birkmire, SLT Secretary and UFT Member
- Jennifer Lopez, Parent Representative
- Adelin Nunez, Student Representative
- Isai Medina, Student Representative

**Agenda:**

- Attendance/Roll Call
- Approval of April Meeting Minutes
- Principal's Updates
- Other Business
- Adjournment of SLT Meeting

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

- The SLT reviewed and approved the minutes from the April SLT Meeting.
  - Motion to approve April SLT Minutes by Nick Marrone, seconded by Tony Ramos. (None Opposed)

### **Principal's Updates:**

- Principal Garcia provided the following updates to the SLT:
  - Second month of using SmartPass and Hallway Checks:
    - We have had a successful implementation thus far. The system has been effective overall.
    - Superintendent now wants all schools in the district to use SmartPass.
    - Feedback from teachers has been positive.
    - Hallway checks from administration have been helpful in holding students accountable for not having hall passes.
  - Substance Misuse Committee:
    - Did not meet the last two weeks but will be meeting soon and continuing its work next year.
    - Two substance abuse curriculums are being considered for next year's advisory program.
  - New Disciplinary Committee:
    - Teachers are being surveyed about when to meet.
    - Will discuss many facets of school discipline.
    - One of the first tasks will be to decide a standard protocol for discipline procedure around how many incidents of specific infractions lead to which consequences.
    - We hope to meet in June but work will continue into next year.
  - Testing Updates:
    - We know there is a lot of testing at this time of the year and we acknowledge that.
    - Regents are coming up in June.
    - AP Tests have mostly finished.
    - MAP Growth Testing just finished.
      - Reports to be sent home.
      - Reports to be shared with students.
      - Reports to be used to inform instruction.
    - NYSESLAT Testing just finished as well.
  - Planning for Next Year:
    - CEP Goals are being discussed by each Dept.
    - Programs and Schedule being discussed and planned.
    - Teachers are planning for the end of the year and into next year.
  - PTA Updates:
    - Enrique wants to find out how many of our parents voted in the Community Education Council Elections.
    - Parents have done good work this year so far in the PTA and PEP and hope to continue this into next year.

- Fundraising efforts for seniors continue:
  - Amanda deserves an award for her work in this regard.
- Parents suggest Parent Technology Workshops for next year (can use the new Computer Lounge being set up by GSS). Parents, Teachers, and Admin can get involved.
  - DOE Accounts
  - Basic Literacy
- Noche De Gala was a major success!
  - Highest attendance ever?
  - Emotional and Beautiful Night.
  - Enrique says there were some budgetary issues and that next year we can make this even more of a priority.
  - Alternate venue for next year?

### **Other Business**

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

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

- Motion to adjourn May SLT Meeting by Enrique Garcia, seconded by Nick Marrone.  
(None Opposed)
- The next SLT Meeting will take place on June 11, 2025.