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**School Leadership Team (SLT) Meeting**

October 28, 2025

Time: 3:30PM-5:30PM

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome
2. Review and Approval of June 2025 and September 2025 Minutes
3. STL Roles
  - a. Co-Chairs: Michael Opest & Jesiel Valet
  - b. Timekeeper: Susan McGregor
  - c. Recorder: Antonietta Auriemma
4. SLT Bylaws Review
5. 2025-2026 CEP Progress Monitoring and Next Steps
6. Principal's Updates
7. PTO Updates
8. CBO Updates
9. Planning for November 2025

**Upcoming SLT Meetings**

November 2025	December 2025	January 2026
February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
May 2026	June 2026	



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**Sign-In Sheet**

Emel Topbas- Mejia <i>Principal</i>	
Conor Doyle <i>Teachers Union Representative</i>	
Barbara Poelle <i>PTO Co-President</i>	
Jesiel Valet <i>Teacher</i>	
Antonietta Auriemma <i>Teacher</i>	
Victor Tergilene <i>Teacher</i>	
Jomary Montesdeoca <i>Teacher</i>	
Evie Dotolie <i>Student</i>	
Sherry Lewkowicz <i>Parent</i>	
Kelly Ceynowa <i>Parent</i>	
Jaci Czarnecki Thompson <i>Parent</i>	
Susan McGregor <i>Parent</i>	
Michael Opest <i>Parent</i>	



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**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Meeting Notes:</b>
1. Welcome!	Discussed agenda
2. Review and Approval of June 2025 Minutes	Approved
3. Review and Approval of September 2025 Minutes	Need to change dates - changes made
4. SLT Roles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Co-Chairs: Mike Opest &amp; Emel Topbas Mejia</li> <li>b. Timekeeper: Susan McGregor</li> <li>c. Recorder: Doyle</li> </ul>	
5. SLT Bylaws	Reviewed by laws Last amended in January of 2021  Asked to amend to have only an executive board member be a designee for the PTO president, Assistant Principal be a designee for Principal, and UFT member be a designee of the UFT Chapter Leader  Discussed adjusting vision statement  Explored idea of doing a mission and vision statement survey for community building and temperature taking  Engage with Kelly Ceynowa in November on steps to take in changing the mission & vision statement



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<p>6. 2025-2026 CEP Planning (Focus on Action Plans and Progress Monitoring)</p>	<p>CEP Goal Safety to improve bullying: Reviewed internal learning environment surveys to have a baseline between now and November to be shared</p> <p>Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adding social media questions in 3rd grade due to online gaming</li> <li>- Likert scale for specific questions</li> <li>- Focus group for SEL &amp; Safety questions?</li> <li>- Possibly removing academic based questions if not used</li> <li>- Take out academic questions and allow students to expand on safety and social emotional learning questions</li> <li>- Will do survey for everyone and then focus group depending on results</li> <li>- Will have 8 to 10 questions (max 12)</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Steps:</b> Create shared document with survey questions to comment on and adjust</p> <p>In November finalize questions to share out surveys</p>
<p>7. Principals updates</p>	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Student attendance has 96% average from Pre-K to</p>



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8th Grade

12% of students are chronically absent thus far

Counseling team and administration is working on addressing chronic absences

Chronically absent = (ten or more absences)

Lateness is also a schoolwide issue

Note will go out to families of students who have been late at least eight times and to those at risk for being late at least eight times

Will continue with celebrating student attendance  
Idea of most improved attendance and streak based attendance

**Enrollment:**  
Next month will go over budget

Projected register of enrollment for this year was 749 students

Currently student enrollment is at 748 students

**Restorative Justice Enrollment:**  
Received grant for a Restorative Justice Director

Ms. Sarah will be Restorative Justice Director

Morningside will continue training our teachers

Will also continue to explore peer mediation amongst students

8. PTO Updates

Schoolapalooza coming up



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	<p>Picture Day was a successful fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- discussed idea of picture day over 4 days instead of 3 days</li></ul> <p>Track uniforms for ES track students came in and will be purchased for IS track students</p> <p>Dues Drive (300% over at this point last year)</p>
9. CBO Updates	<p>NYJTL &amp; PSW programs have begun</p> <p>Emel will go to training regarding DYCD to explore funding for after school programs</p>
10. Planning for November 2025	<p>Will review budget</p> <p>Will finalize learning environment surveys</p>