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SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) MEETING
Thursday, June 11, 2026
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
SLT Chairperson
 - 2. Welcome**
 - **Reading of Minutes for May 21, 2026**
 - 3. Committee Reports**
 - a. Principal's Report**
 - **Louise Antoine or Designee**
 - b. UFT Report**
 - **Tanya Burrowes, UFT Chairperson**
 - c. PTA / Parent Coordinator / Title I Report**
 - **Keisha Gayle**
 - **Catlin Warthin**
 - **Madeline Dimaren**
 - 4. Discussion of New Business**
 - 5. Adjournment**
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**Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026
Time: Approximately 5:00 PM – 6:12 PM
Location: Hybrid (In-Person & Virtual)
Chairperson: Christine Mundell-Chang**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Christine Mundell-Chang, who confirmed a quorum after roll call.

2. Attendance

**Members present included (in-person and virtual):
Ms. Mundell-Chang, Ms. Burrowes, Ms. Small, Ms. Wadsworth, Ms. Gilchrist-Arthur,
Ms. Warthen, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Borden, Ms. Gale, Ms. Dimaren-Garden, and additional
SLT members.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes (May 21, 2026)

- **Minutes were read aloud.**
- **Motion to approve with corrections was made and seconded.**
 - **Minutes approved.**

4. UFT Report – Ms. Burrowes

Key updates included:

- **TRS Election: Tom Brown was re-elected to the TRS Board.**
- **Paraprofessional Respect Check: Currently under review, progressing within the city budget process.**
- **Class Size Law Implementation Timeline:**
 - **70% compliance by 2026–2027**
 - **80% by 2027–2028**
 - **90% by 2028–2029**



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- 100% by 2029–2030
 - **Differential for Teachers in Over-Cap Classes:**
 - \$8,500 (2026–2027)
 - \$9,500 (2027–2028)
 - **Tier 6 Reform:**
 - Retirement eligibility reduced to age 58 with 30 years of service
 - Potential future advocacy for 55/30
 - **Community Schools Funding: \$20 million secured.**
 - **Upcoming union participation opportunity (Puerto Rican Day Parade).**
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5. PTA Report

- **PTA elections held June 9:**
 - Co-Presidents returning: Ms. Keisha Gale & Ms. Dimaren-Garden
 - New Treasurer: Ms. Quint
 - New Secretary: Ms. Sabrina Wise
 - **Contribution toward petting zoo: approx. \$795**
 - **Kindergarten celebration planned (pizza, juice, cupcakes).**
 - **Ice cream sales successful and ongoing.**
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6. Parent Coordinator Report – Ms. Dimaren-Garden

- **Ongoing registration for 3K, Pre-K, and Kindergarten (approx. 10 new registrations).**
 - **Continued school tours.**
 - **After-school program forms clarified (vary by CBO).**
 - **Family Fun Day updates:**
 - **Dental services information provided (available during Summer Rising).**



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- Brighter Bites returning during summer (Wednesday distribution).
- Tentative Back-to-School BBQ: September 12 (12:00–3:00 PM tentative).
 - AARP donating school supplies.

7. School Updates / Staff Reports

Student Programs & Events

- Gymnastics program concluding; schedule adjustments communicated to families.
- Parent Survey (UCS needs assessment) to be administered at Family Fun Day.

5th Grade Update

- 100% of students graduating and moving to middle school.
 - Graduation and prom scheduled for June 18.
 - Awards assemblies scheduled for all grades.
 - Ticket allocations:
 - Grade 5: 5 tickets
 - Kindergarten: 3 tickets

Principal's Closing Remarks

- Celebrated a successful and productive school year.
 - Noted strong student progress and staff collaboration.
 - Highlighted upcoming:
 - Graduation and stepping-up ceremonies
 - Honor Roll Trip
 - Staff commended for working efficiently and effectively.
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8. Additional Business

Family Fun Day & Field Day

- **Family Fun Day: June 12**
- **Field Day: June 15**

Facilities & Grounds Discussion

- **Concerns raised regarding:**
 - **Yard cleanliness and rodent activity**
 - **Improper disposal of garbage by community members**
 - **Discussion on clothing donation bin:**
 - **Proposal to relocate or remove due to misuse**
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- **Suggestion to improve landscaping and maintenance.**

Uniform Donation Initiative

- **Unclaimed uniforms donated.**
 - **Proposal for future:**
- **Monthly or end-of-year uniform distribution/event.**

School Fundraising Update

- **Book Fair revenue: approx. \$5,000**
 - **Profit: approx. \$1,200**

Community Support

- **Announcement of upcoming funeral services for a community member.**
 - **Staff expressed interest in contributing donations and support.**
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9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:12 PM.