P596X

School Leadership Team (SLT)

Meeting Minutes

Date	Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Time	Called to order at 9:40 a.m. | Adjourned at 11:33 a.m.
Chairperson	Rudy Castro
Recorded by	Destiny Machuca, Secretary
Location	P.S. 596X, 850 Baychester Avenue, Bronx NY 10475 (Principal Siracuse office)

ATTENDANCE

Name	Position	Attendance
John Siracuse	Principal	Present
Andrea Saunders	PTA President / Parent Member	Present
Adrienne Barksdale	UFT Representative	Present
Rudy Castro	Chairperson / Parent Member	Present
Carolyn Scolaro	School Aide / DC 37 Representative	Present
Choline Reid	Teacher	Present
Patricia Cameron	Teacher	Present
Steven Sobol	Technology Coach / Timekeeper	Present
Shaniqua Miller	Parent Member / Facilitator	Present
Destiny Machuca	Parent Member / Secretary	Present
Shenee Crooks	Parent Member / Financial Liaison	Present
Shawntrece Ware	Parent Member	Present
Lisa Berroa	Parent Member	Present
Jacqueline Falcon	Administrative Professional	Present

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. Members were warmly welcomed to the 2026–2027 school year. The following opening items were addressed:

- Attendance was taken and recorded.
- New members were introduced to the team.
- The provisioning of SLT members in iPlan was reviewed.

1. BYLAWS

The item regarding updates to the SLT bylaws was tabled and will be taken up at a future meeting.

2. CELL PHONE POLICY

The school's cell phone policy was distributed to members and reviewed by the team.

3. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND STUDENT PRIVACY

- The team discussed the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in instruction and the proper handling of personally identifiable information (PII).
- Instructional tools and materials currently in use, including GLINT, were reviewed as part of this discussion.

4. PTA REPORT

- The launch of the PTA WhatsApp group for family communication was discussed.
- The upcoming Trunk or Treat event, scheduled for October 24, was announced.

5. UFT MATTERS

- A request was made for an additional five minutes on the agenda at the next meeting.
- Maria Morales, UFT Parent Director, was noted for the team's information.
- The African American Day Parade in Harlem, scheduled for September 20, 2026, was announced.

6. OTHER MATTERS: COOL CULTURE PASSES

The team discussed Cool Culture Passes and reached consensus to move forward. A subcommittee was formed to lead this effort, with the following members:

Subcommittee Members: Principal John Siracuse, Shawntrece Ware, Destiny Machuca, Choline Reid, Shenee Crooks, Patricia Cameron, and Andrea Saunders.

ACTION ITEMS

#	Action	Responsible
1	Place the bylaws update on the agenda for a future meeting.	Chairperson
2	Allow an additional five minutes for UFT matters on the next meeting's agenda.	Chairperson
3	Complete the provisioning of SLT members in iPlan.	Administration
4	Move forward with Cool Culture Passes and report progress to the SLT.	Cool Culture Subcommittee

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m. Sincere thanks to all members for their time and continued commitment to our school community.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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Destiny Machuca, SLT Secretary

Rudy Castro, SLT Chairperson