



# BRONX DANCE ACADEMY

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## October SLT Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** 10-17-2024 from 2-3:30 pm    **LOCATION:** 313    **FACILITATOR:** Mr. Vigo  
**Minutes Recorded by:** Ms. Bachman

SLT Agenda Item	Meeting Minutes
<p><b>Ice Breaker</b></p>	<p><b>Mood Meter:</b> How are we feeling today?</p> <p>School Leadership Team: The heart of the SLT team is the group of school staff, students and family members who are consulted to develop the CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan) which includes all programming and activities held throughout the school day and during any afterschool and weekend programming. Ensuring these spaces are safe, fun and education. We meet to go over the CEP and discuss suggestions to strengthen it, and where to invest our time and resources to create new opportunities.</p>
<p><b>Team Member Updates</b></p> <p>5-10 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Vigo – Celebrating how every grade has been on a field trip already (feedback we received last year)</li> <li>● Ms. Sanchez – we have the highest academic scores in D10 (ELA) -- doing well in Math and room for improvement; we also have full completion of the iReady (ELA &amp; Math) and it gave information to compare and prepare all students with the appropriate interventions; Sat program is starting this weekend and afterschool programming will begin next week; celebrate staff members + family members who have been with BDA for a while (ie. Ms. Canapi)</li> <li>● Ms. Canapi – appreciation for Administration continuing in their roles</li> <li>● Ms. Bachman – completed all RFA workshops (Anti Bullying and Sexual Harassment; supports and resources); Anti Bullying Conference next week; Student Government applications are out</li> <li>● Ms. Femi (MMCC) -- program running smoothly thus far; met enrollment goal (118) at 119, and are working on planning more and more events; Leadership meetings on Wednesday to get feedback from students; Newsletter went out to students and families (October's is in the works); upcoming Game Night</li> <li>● Mr. Ha – first year on SLT team &amp; feeling excited; came back from Dance &amp; Art trips today – great seeing students get inspired</li> <li>● Eduardo – first year as SLT student member</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Finalizing the 2023-24 CEP in iPlan Portal</b> (15 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Last year goal of increasing # of students who are scoring proficient on ELA state tests – 64% students were at proficient (at grade level or above). *We were one of the top scoring schools in the city and at the top for D10.</li> <li>● For this year, we changed to starting our Saturday Academy and Afterschool Academy earlier in the year.</li> <li>● For this year, we are also continuing with the HITT tutoring program (Follow Us To Success); we invested some grant money into this program to be able to start it earlier and be able to continue up until state testing.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eduardo shared that he felt he got an opportunity to learn more and better understand different learning objectives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● STEM program will also continue this year with additional technology and offerings; MMCC’s Lab Rats will also be another program.</li> <li>● Eduardo spoke on possible programming that could build our students confidence with both Dance &amp; Art.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Martin is working on grant money for more teaching artists who can come and support Artists as well as helping with building art portfolios for HS applications.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Ms. Canapi mentioned the Misty Copeland program that offers programming for dancers.</li> <li>● Ms. Sanchez discussed opportunities for us to increase our grant writing numbers so that we can potentially have access to more opportunities.</li> <li>● Ms. Sanchez also spoke about possibly offering a Wellness program for families (ie. maybe on Saturdays); opportunity to build relationships between our students and their caregivers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Proposed Amendments to the SLT Bylaws</b> (5-10 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Last meeting we discussed language being added to allow members with emergencies to attend remotely. The default will always be in-person.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Non-members don’t have the ability to speak/set the agenda.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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<p><b>Finalizing the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact</b> (10 Minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any big changes we want to make with Family Engagement?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1% of the Title I money (~\$4300) is set aside for Family Engagement activities and the SLT can help give ideas on what would help get families into the building.                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Workshops on self-care, Parents Night Out, Tech night (learn about your students devices), Zumba class, Sip &amp; Paint -- MMCC had a really successful turnout, working with our PTA to partner</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Consider language -- “parents” vs “families” as we know all kinds of family members are raising our students</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Parent Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Working to get acclimated and working to fill positions; speaking with some interested family members (who prefer remote/evenings)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Sanchez suggested finding an interested family member who is willing to take a temporary role -- importance of having a Parent Coordinator (is there anyone who might be interested in volunteering?); hoping to have an opening in the near future.</li> <li>○ Also spoke on strengthening the website and including a section for our families with relevant information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Friday Snack Sales are up and running</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upload SLT Meeting Documentation to the iPlan Portal</b> (5 minutes))</p>	
<p><b>Urgent Next Steps:</b></p>	<p>Auditions for Next Years Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Every Wednesday from 3-4pm we will have in-person audition spaces for prospective students.</li> <li>● We also currently have some open spaces for this current school year.</li> </ul>