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SLT

April 14, 2026

Attendance: D. Graf (principal), M. Ramlogan (assistant principal),
D. Paternostro (teacher), S. Bonetti (teacher), S. Jones (UFT Rep),
S. Persaud (parent), A. Singh (PTA President), A. Saitta (teacher)

Safety:

(Nurse Allison, I. Gonzalez (Parent Coordinator), V. Trejo (School Safety Agent) joined us for this part of our meeting)

Safety Drills

- The school has successfully completed all 8 lockdown drills and 8 fire drills required for the academic year.

OORS Data Overview:

- The most frequent incidents involve student disrespect.
- The second most common incidents are minor physical interaction, such as shoving.
- Incidents most frequently occur in the following locations:
 - Cafeteria (highest occurrence)
 - Classrooms
 - Auditorium
- The peak time for incidents is between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm.
- As of April 2026, the school has recorded 66 Level 3 incidents.

Disciplinary Actions:

- As of April 2026:
 - Principal removals: 0
 - Teacher removals: 22 (a decrease from last year at this time)

Auditorium Improvement Funding:

The school has been allocated \$200,000 for auditorium upgrades. Proposed areas for improvement include:

- Replacement of seating



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- Flooring renovations
- Upgrading and replacing existing technology

Contracts are currently being developed to ensure funds are allocated effectively and strategically.

Security Camera Installation:

All security cameras have been installed both inside and outside the school building. However, the system is not yet operational. Cameras will not be installed in the gymnasium, auditorium, main office, or classrooms.

UFT Center Initiative (Upcoming School Year)

Beginning next year, the school will establish a UFT Center to support professional development and instructional growth.

- Interviews will be conducted to fill the UFT Center position.
- The selected candidate will participate in intensive training to prepare for the role.

Responsibilities of the UFT Center lead will include:

- Design and facilitating professional development (PD) sessions for teachers
- Providing CTLE-eligible professional development opportunities
- Supporting school administration with instructional initiatives and staff development
- Further details regarding the selection process and implementation timeline will be shared as they become available.

Magnet Funding Update:

A lawsuit was filed regarding the improper removal of Magnet Money funding from the schools. It has been announced that the case was successful, determining that the funds were withdrawn inappropriately.

- The government has been given a 10-day period to determine next steps. The possible outcomes include:
 - Reallocating (withdrawing) the funds through the proper process, or
 - Restoring the funding to the schools
- If the funding is reinstated, the school will receive allocations for years 4 and 5 of the program, with funding anticipated to begin on October 1.



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PTA News:

The PTA is organizing several upcoming fundraising events and school community events:

- Fundraisers:
 - Mother's Day Grams
 - Cinnabon Sales
- Upcoming Events:
 - Mother's Day Extravaganza
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Spring Festival for students

Fundraising money will help with the 5th grade dance (food and decorations)

Next SLT meeting on May 12 @ 2:30pm in person

Vision

At P.S. 135, we nurture lifelong learners in a safe, supportive space, fostering independent problem solvers and a community where every student is valued and ready to thrive.

Mission

Our mission at P.S. 135, The Bellaire School, is to foster a safe and nurturing environment where every student feels empowered to take academic risks and explore their creativity through the arts.