Guidance Seminar #2 Questions

1. Is there any regulation a principal needs to adhere to when appointing a guidance AP in High School? Mine is trained as a Physical Education AP.
   - No. The appointment is given to someone who holds an administrative degree and that is done by the school principal. It helps a lot if the person is a guidance counselor, but, it does not have to be.

2. The offering of bilingual programs for students of 20 or more students, has never been offered to my students. Is there a new mandate? How can I get more information about educating my parents, students when they often request this program?
   - This has been the case. However, the changes to CR Part 154 are emphasizing the part of the regulation that speaks to this issue. The UFT has an ELL page with many resources. The DOE has a division for ELLs and has a section in parent resources dedicated to ELL parent questions/concerns. You should always consult with your administration on where to refer parents with these concerns.

3. How are the different cdocs on the NYSITELL shown on ATS?
   - I do not know. Please consult with your administration and ENL provider.

4. Who is being held responsible if the program director told me that she is going to move a non-grad student to graduate by giving 4 necessary credits the student still needs? Me? Program director? Or other administrators?
   - You want to get this documented as much as possible. You proceed with your role as the guidance counselor proving the necessary courses that any student needs to fulfill their graduation requirements.

5. Will bilingual dictionaries be allowed for students taking the ELA regents exam?
   - Please see link to CR Part 154 provided to you at the end of the powerpoint. There is a section that speaks to accommodations. You must also look at the ELA Regents Exam guidance on testing accommodations.

6. Some schools are actually using the guidance counselor to do ELL work because they do not have any ELL teachers. I observed this at at least 2 schools in District 16. I believe it is a Financial Issue.
   - Licensed Pedogogues must be used to provide and meet the CR Part 154 services

7. I would like to know as an A.T.R. when you are at a school and they are doing PD’s on the Tuesday and Mondays? This is the counselor time to do. Parent Engagement. However if you are an ATR counselor what are you required to do at this time?
   - You are still under the title guidance counselor as an ATR. You continue to do the work that is provided by the school to you. We are not involved with the repurposing of time for teachers.
8. Can ELL seniors be provided during period 8 when our regular school day ends at period 7? Also can the same period be used to offer additional support in the IEP students who are not ELL students?
   - All mandated services must be provided during the school instructional day.

9. Please provide PD on awarding transfer credits/ regents waived, CDOS exiting credential and certifying, senior transcripts for graduation.
   - The Chapter has provided numerous workshops on this. Most of the presentations that were done are on the Chapter’s webpage on the UFT website. This topic will be offered again. Please continue to check your email so that when it is offered, you can register.