

PTA Meeting Minutes

October 28th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Participants: See Attendance Spreadsheet

Meeting Started at 7:07 PM

Quorum met

- I. Call to Order
- II. President's Report
 - A. Important Dates
 - 1. 11/2 - Election Day - Remote Learning
 - 2. 11/9 - CEC Meeting - www.d25.nyc.cec
 - 3. 11/11 - No school for Veteran's Day
 - 4. 11/18 - Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences- ½ day 11:20 pick-up
 - 5. 11/25 & 11/26 - No school for Thanksgiving break
 - 6. 11/30 is our next General PTA Meeting
 - B. School Store is now open 2 days per week
 - 1. Wednesday in the cafeteria and Thursday in the Gym
 - 2. Thank you to our first set of volunteers
 - 3. Store will be open 4 days per week in the near future
 - a) Monday and Wednesday in the Cafeteria and Tuesday and Thursday in the Gym
 - 4. Kids are super excited to see us
 - 5. We need parent volunteers to run the store
 - a) Even 1 day per year would help
 - 6. All money raised goes back to the school
 - C. Membership Drive has started
 - 1. Special thanks to the Fan family for their generous \$500 donation
 - 2. Hoping to get back to all our normal activities for the year
 - 3. Check www.JHS194PTA.org for the membership drive form
 - D. Classroom Decorating Contest
 - 1. Kids were excited to participate
 - 2. Winners were rooms 108, 104, 202, 208, Library, 318 & 316
- III. Treasury Report
- IV. Ann Lippert - Parent Coordinator
 - A. Parent chats are starting
 - 1. Last 1 hour
 - 2. Parents needed
 - 3. The first one will be on November 15th at 9:30 - topic is access
 - 4. Topics change each time
 - B. Ann can be reached at X5292 or ALippert@schools.nyc.gov
- V. Mrs. Miller - Principal's report
 - A. 1030 students in the building this year
 - 1. Big adjustment from last year
 - 2. Need to come together and re-acclimate to in person school
 - B. Teacher observations have started
 - C. SLT worked on an updated mission statement for our school
 - D. Students took part in IREADY diagnostics to see where the kids are
 - E. Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences coming up

- F. On Thursday and Friday mornings teachers are available to give extra assistance and support to students who are struggling
 - 1. Using IREADY data to identify students who need help
 - 2. 8th grade will use this time for extra regents prep
 - 3. 6th and 7th graders will work on ELA and Math help
 - 4. Small groups of up to 8 students
 - G. Movement of students
 - 1. 8th graders are now moving to FAPA class
 - 2. All kids are moving for lunch and gym
 - 3. 4 teachers for Phys ed and health teach 40 periods/week
 - a) 3-4 classes out in the yard at a time
 - b) Too many kids to go out for recess
 - (1) During the transition kids are running, screaming and taking their masks off
 - (2) Kids are not self-monitoring
 - 4. 7th graders will soon switch for FAPA
 - 5. Want 8th graders to eventually transition for all classes to prepare for High School
 - H. Anti Bullying and Harassment training is going on
 - I. Clubs
 - 1. Kids have requested newsletter club with Ms Ferzola
 - 2. We may have dance club or dance team with Ms Fodera
 - 3. Certain sports are high risk and require full vaccination
 - a) Eliminates most 6th graders
 - b) Wait until spring
 - c) Can't use gym because of lunch
 - 4. Mr Sanchez wants to continue his foreign language club which combines learners and native speakers
 - 5. Clubs and activities have to be in person as per the DOE
 - J. Halloween
 - 1. Kids can wear costumes
 - 2. No masks, hoods, hats, or face make-up
 - 3. Safety is a priority
 - 4. No props
 - K. Be Kind Challenge
 - 1. Certificates will go home
 - L. October nominations for GRIT awards Genuine, Resilient, Independent, Tolerant
 - 1. Anti-bullying month
 - 2. New criteria each month
 - M. Election day will be asynchronous learning
 - N. Students and parents should be checking PupilPath for grades
 - 1. Private schools will look at 6th, 7th and 1st marking periods of 8th grades
 - O. Grading policy parameters have been updated
 - P. Electronic Device Policy
 - 1. Cell Phones should be put away when in the building
 - 2. Phones will be confiscated
 - 3. Kids are using snapchat in students bathrooms
- VI. Ms Hand - 8th Grade Guidance Counselor

- A. High School Application presentation (Powerpoint can be found at <https://www.jhs194pta.org>)

VII. Q&A

- A. When will state test scores be available?
 - 1. Test scores were just released and can be found on your NYC Schools account
- B. Can teachers lighten the workload around the TACHS exam?
 - 1. This is not possible because of Regents deadlines. The US History regents are 4 weeks early this year. Also, not all students are taking the exam. It may be possible to give less homework that weekend.
- C. When will HS applications open?
 - 1. We are expecting it to happen very soon but there is no date available yet.
- D. Can anyone take a regents exam?
 - 1. All students are given the opportunity to opt in for regents of their choice in 8th grade.
- E. Where will the SHSAT exam take place?
 - 1. Last year 194 had a record 175-200 students take the SHSAT. The location will be determined by the number of kids registered.
- F. Can students take the regents and the state exams?
 - 1. No. NYC will no longer allow double testing of students. If students take the regents, they cannot take the state exam in that subject.
- G. Will Pass or Fail still be an option this year?
 - 1. Yes
- H. How will clubs work?
 - 1. Clubs will be in-person with limited numbers of kids and will require a parents permission slip
- I. Reminder from Mrs Miller that Monday will be dress code raffle
- J. How many hours are required for Arista?
 - 1. 6th grade - 15 hours, 7th grade 20 hours, 8th grade 25 hours
 - 2. Hours will be logged via google form

VIII. Meeting Adjourned 8:37PM