

PPAS PTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Location: Zoom

Principal's Report

Principal Keith Ryan - Present

Welcome to everyone. Reassurance that school is settling in to new school program.

Parents would like more live remote classes with teachers.

Live streaming with teacher in classroom is "ineffective". Smaller group interaction is preferred. Teachers are doing live streaming on a volunteer basis - cannot be forced to do it.

Students enjoy attending the school building.

Under 100 students in the building a day.

Students are adapting to new school building rules.

Teachers and administration will be conducting wellness checks with fully remote students.

Believe the entire year will continue with the current learning structure. Hoping for September to be a more "normal" experience.

Fully remote families can decide to join the blended program in a few weeks. (end of October/start date is in early November)

Joseph D'Amico presents questions from the chat,

Principal Ryan answers them.....

Students are allowed to take online classes to transfer for credit, other than core classes.

No Curriculum Night this year.

All electives have been taken away.

Freshman Forum will be added back in at some point.

Students have been respectful of the rules: mask wearing/social distancing, etc.

National Honor Society applications for 11th & 12th graders will roll out next week.

Clubs are active: Foodie Club, Newspaper, Film Club, etc - email will be sent out encouraging students to join clubs.

Staff of 29 Teachers....20 in the building/9 remote.

Full-Time College Counselor now available for 11th Graders

Waterwell/Drama Delegates Report

Heather Lanza - Director of Education for Waterwell - Present
heather@waterwell.org

Drama delegate - Margaret Harris- Present

Leslie Hendricks - Middle school delegate - Present
msdelegate@ppaspta.org

Waterwell is fully virtual for Term 1. Moving all performance projects online. 2 productions are in rehearsal - 6th grade & 8th grade.

Production schedule will be shared at a later time when the dates are locked in.

Middle School FB page - MS PPAS Families

Musical Theater/Rosie's Theater Kids Report

Jeff Statile, MT Director at RTKids - Present

Program is fully remote via Zoom.

Coaching throughout the day for 1-on-1 work.

College auction prep is available.

Fall production with Junior & Senior students - premiere will be in the beginning of 2021. A Spring performance is also planned.

Jeff can be reach at: jstatile@ppasshare.org

Dana Joy Faroulo - Delegate Present

Putting together a virtual mixer.

MT Delegates (Melissa & Dana) can be reached at:

MTDelegate@ppaspta.org

Dance Delegates/Alvin Ailey Report

Guillermo Asca, Coordinator for Ailey Dance Program - Present

Dance classes are completely remote....classes are live.

Classes are streamed live from Alvin Ailey Studio.....plan to continue this way all year.

Working on ways to create virtual workshops and performances.

Hope to be back in the studios next year.

Any questions: GASCA@ALVINAILEY.ORG

Vocal/National Choral Report

Stephanie/Lisa - Co-Delegates - Present

Nothing to report.

Newsletter will be sent out tomorrow.

vocaldelegate@PPAS.org

Parent Coordinator Report

Teri Gindi - Present

Partnered with a Writers Workshop - coming in October

November - Town Hall with parents

Working with Actor's Fund with a mentoring program with actors for 10th & 11th grade students.

Treasurer's Report/Budget Discussion

Robert Famighetti - Present

Starting the year with a healthy budget.

Challenge is lack of tickets sales for shows, concessions, merchandise, and gala.

Scaling back from \$15,000 for each arts program. Possibly down to \$10K or \$5K for each program....will be voted on.

Need to come up with fundraising ideas.

\$105,000 currently in bank account.

Reoccurring monthly donations are down to 38. Going to encourage families to produce one-time donations or monthly donations. Go to PPAS website to donate.

Considering \$5500 for each program with additional fundraising.

Link to donate: <https://www.ppaspta.org/donate>

Voting on the budget will happen during meeting in 2 weeks.

Suggestion: Zoom meeting with parents for fundraising ideas

Fundraising Report

Carol Ann Baker/Marl Yosowitz - Present

Stop and Shop program for kickback support. Teri Gindi will send out an e-mail to parents.

Amazon Smile link: [https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_ext_ch_46-2046208_dl?](https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_ext_ch_46-2046208_dl?_encoding=UTF8&ein=46-2046208&ref=smi_chpf_redirect&ref=smi_ext_ch_46-2046208_c)

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Mask fundraiser.....new vendor has been found.

Fun Run - can be done during a holiday break

Art Auction - auction donated art

Merchandise

Annual Fund pledge

Possible virtual talent show

Nominations for PTA

Treasurer: None

VP of Membership : Mike Grassotti, Harley Abrevaya, Cassandra Collazzo

Nominations for SLT

Carol Kassel

Sandee Perez

New business and topics for next meeting

Budget

Nominations

Voting

Support for teachers

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 29, 2020