

PPAS PTA MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021 6:30PM via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:33PM

Minutes from December 17, 2020 PTA Meeting approved

COLLEGE COUNSELORS PRESENTATION

Celeste Miller

Rebecca Altschul

Tyaela Nieves

Sam Telequen

- Mostly works with 12th graders on a weekly basis
- Starting this Spring, CCA will be a required (pass/fail) class for 11th graders for college prep, including financial aid process
- Encourage all current 10th graders to take Atlas free SAT/ACT hybrid test THIS Spring. Information will go out to families early in 2nd semester.
 - Test is given once a month
- Rep visit on February 3rd from SUNY Buffalo
- More rep visits are planned. Schedule will be sent to parents.
- Virtual College Fair this Saturday, January 23rd - Staten Island HBCU Experience
 - 10th, 11th, & 12th graders will receive a link to attend
- Testing accommodations for students with IEPs are applied for (to the college board) in 11th grade by PPAS.
- Copy of presentation will be put on the PPAS PTA website

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Shared list of Middle school clubs
- Highlighted a few High School clubs
 - Political club
 - The Pre Med Club

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Bank account remains the same
- Still awaiting invoices from affiliates
- Raised \$3000 from online auction

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- No update on returning to in-person learning
- Grading : students will get number grades
 - If unsatisfied with number grade, there is an option to pass with a "CR"
 - Not weighed as part of a student's GPA
 - Students will receive an "incomplete" (NX) rather than a "fail"
- Encouraging students to remain positive and move forward
- In-person SAT test for 11th graders will be given on March 3rd at PPAS

- PSAT is canceled
- 8th graders have a guaranteed seat at PPAS High School
- Building was closed because of 2 unrelated COVID cases as Midtown West.
 - Will reopen on Monday, January 25th.

PARENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Upcoming meeting with Long Island University to hear about college programs
 - Monday, January 25th

SLT REPORT

- Meeting earlier this week
 - Ongoing use of technology via Google Classroom
 - Support for students when they are falling behind
 - Learning Center at PPAS
 - Night to teach parents how to use Pupil Path

FUNDRAISING REPORT

- \$40,000 annual goal
 - Wish to raise the goal to \$60,000
- Currently at \$37,200 through December
 - \$4800 - Auction
 - \$4100 - Corporate donations/match
 - \$2500 monthly
 - \$2100 average in recurring monthly payments
- Stop & Shop rewards raised \$37.90
 - Call 1-877-366-2688 option 1 to register
 - School ID: 41020
- Mask fundraiser raised \$125.00
 - Buy masks for \$12 at: <https://www.kazaradesigns.com/ppasptamask.html>
- Annual Contribution Fund
 - Automatic monthly donations: <https://ppaspta.org/donate>

MEMBERSHIP TEAM REPORT

- Goal is to engage every PPAS family with a goal of 100% participation
- School wide virtual happy hour planned for February

DANCE DELEGATES REPORT

- Dance performances planned for March

DRAMA DELEGATES

- Thanks to the drama parents who attended last week's Meet & Greet
 - Approximately 50 families attended

MUSICAL THEATRE DELEGATES

- Virtual Parent event planned for February
- Spring Musical Theater Festival planned for the end of March

VOCAL DELEGATES REPORT

- Kids completed their juries
- Meet & Greet with Vocal parents planned
- Next Soiree planned for late Feb. or early March

MIDDLE SCHOOL DELEGATES REPORT

- Planning a Meet & Greet with MS parents
- MS PPAS Families FB page is up
- She Kills Monsters 8th grade play was a success
- Middle School Musical planned for the Spring

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 1 - No School - Professional Development Day
- February 11 - Executive Committee Meeting
- February 12 - No School - Lunar New year
- February 15-19 - Winter Break
- February 23 - SLT Meeting
- February 25 - PTA Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- Any interest in planning a virtual gala
- Discussed possibility of a Virtual Slam
 - Michael Grassotti will look into coordinating technical support
 - Other parents volunteer to support
- BIPOC Family Gathering being planned
 - Black Indigenous People Of Color
 - A space for families to gather and advocate

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:03PM