

PPAS PTA MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
6:30PM via ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Minutes from January 21, 2021 PTA Meeting approved

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Successful first day back for Middle School
- No indication from DOE when High School will return
- Both Middle School & High School families can opt to change number grades to a Pass/Fail (shown as "CR")
 - Google form will be sent out next week to parents
- No update for Regents exams
- Black Excellence Celebration at 3:30pm tomorrow (Feb 26) on YouTube for Black History Month
- Information on College Board exams for AP classes will be sent to parents next week
- 1st semester final grades are posted on NYC Schools account (mystudent.nyc)
 - Reach out Teri Gindi for assistance on accessing account
 - Pupil Path is used as a progress report
 - Teachers are expected to update it every other week

COLLEGE COUNSELORS UPDATE

Celeste Miller answers questions from parents

- Kids/Parents should start talking about college during the summer between 10th & 11th grades.
- 10th graders are encouraged to take the upcoming PSAT/ACT Hybrid test
- Students are encouraged to join virtual clubs to build their portfolio
- College Prep workshop will be given to 10th grade parents
- New York Public Library is having a COVID-19 College Admissions Process information session on Wednesday, March 3rd.
 - NYPL library card is required

- Register at:
<https://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2021/03/03/covid-19-and-college-admissions-info-session>
- 11th grade weekly college advisory class has been implemented
 - Half of the 11th grade class is signed up. Parents are encouraged to have their student sign up for the class.
 - Contact Tyaela Nieves for information: tnieves@ppasshare.org
- Request for college presentation made at last PTA Meeting be repeated at some point
 - College team is available for one-on-one meetings with parents and students

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Request for volunteers for the follow:
 - Spring Election Nominating Committee
 - Virtual Gala
 - Nina, Harley, Mike, Leslie Hendricks, Heidi, Julie Wheeler, Jamie Campagnola
 - Rachel Duncan offered information on her virtual event planning business, Watson Adventures, that can coordinate a virtual school event as a fundraiser in place of the annual gala.
 - Virtual Slam
 - Auction Donations
- Nominations open for following PTA Positions:
 - President
 - Vice President of Membership
 - Vice President of Fundraising
 - Treasurer
 - Recording Secretary
 - Corresponding Secretary
- Nominations open for PPAS Delegates:
 - Dance
 - Drama
 - Middle School
 - Musical Theater

- NYC DOE has a program called College Now where students take classes for college credit

TREASURER'S REPORT

- No report

PARENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Contact Teri for access to NYC Schools account
- 8th grade students are working on a yearbook
- A "Draw & Sip" event is in the works
- Will create a school event calendar for families
- Offered support with high school applications

FUNDRAISING REPORT

- \$40,000 annual goal
- Current balance is at \$37,200
 - \$4800 Auction
 - \$4100 Corporate Donations
 - \$2500 Monthly donations
- \$2,100 average in recurring month payments
- "Draw & Sip" fundraising event in the works
 - Cost will be \$20
 - Cap at 25 participants via Zoom
 - Tuesday, March 16th 7-8:30pm
- Masks are still on sale
 - 86 sold so far
 - Raised: \$344.00
 - www.kazaradesigns.com/ppasptamask.html
- Annual Contribution Fund
 - <https://ppaspta.org/donate/>

SLT REPORT

- Possibility of combining the Gala with the Slam

- Planning a Pupil Path workshop for parents
- Possibility that parents can receive an automated email alert when a student's grade drops
- Tutor program is growing
 - Partnership with the JCC

MEMBERSHIP TEAM REPORT

- Successful Happy Hour event
 - Another planned for March
- Working on a Parent Website for community connection
 - Launching next month
 - Will be organized by grade, interest, etc
 - Invitation to join will be sent to parents next month
- Jackie F shared that parents will be connected to Casting Networks

DANCE DELEGATES REPORT

- Met with Ailey Program Coordinator Guillermo Asca
- Will have dance pieces shared virtually in the future
- Looking for outdoor spaces to have rehearsals in Spring for end of the year recital
- Working on fundraising ideas
 - Possible Paint Night fundraiser

DRAMA DELEGATES REPORT

- No report

MUSICAL THEATRE DELEGATES REPORT

- Exploring options for virtual gatherings in February
 - Virtual mixer planned for the end of March
 - Send suggestions to MTdelegates@ppas
- Spring Musical Theater Festival scheduled for the end of March
 - 10 days of evening sharings
- Performance of "CLUE" in the works for March

VOCAL DELEGATES REPORT

- Successful parents cocktail event in February
 - Another planned for April
- Soire scheduled for March 4th
 - Student performances will be shown on YouTube
- Planning a “LOGathon” for students
 - Survey was sent to the parents for input
- Possible concert in June
- Planning a year-end social event for the students

MIDDLE SCHOOL DELEGATES REPORT

- Successful mixer last night
- High school applications are due March 1th
- Laguardia HS video submissions due March 8th
- 7th grade Concert Reading March 17 & 18
- Middle School Musical planned for the Spring
- Joint fundraiser with the Drama Delegates raised \$4190.00

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 3 SAT/PSAT day, no classes
- March 11 Executive Committee Meeting
- March 18 Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 18 PTA Meeting
- March 19 Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 29 Spring recess begins

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm