

**Professional Performing High School**  
**PTA General Meeting**  
**10/13/2021**

Meeting called to order @6:24 PM

By PTA Co- President Harley Abrevaya & Mike Grassotti herein rereferred as (Mike and Harley)

Vote to waive reading of June meeting Minutes-

- first Parent (Sandee),
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Lisa Duke

Harley - Introduction of PPAS Staff at the meeting

Harley - Introduction of PTA Executive Board Members

Address by Co-President – Mike

- Mike wants to serve all parents and meet all parents. Wants to focus on Equity and Engagement.
- Invitation to Join the PTA on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> @ the Mocktails in the Courtyard.
- No agenda but just to know each other
- Requirements – You need to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask.
- We will use this referenced link as a resource to make sure we are reaching everyone.
- Volunteering- We have students that are passionate in what they are doing. Click on link and share how you can contribute. It not a commitment but an indication of interest.
- We want to establish parent grade representative for each grade
- Rep from parents who have an understanding to liaison with staff and PTA for each grade level.

Treasurer's Report

- Budget
- \$75,000 was budgeted to support the Art Programs. This consist of \$15,000 for each art partner ie Vocal, Musical Theater, Ailey, Drama & MS, Dance.  
This comes from the general PTA funding for events and activities throughout the year

Question – How will the meeting be held for the coming year

Answer: Meetings will be virtual and some hybrid and virtual for general meeting with vaccines etc.

**Address by Principal Ryan**

There will be in-person & videos meetings

Guidance from DoE – to bring PTA Leadership and STL. This is covered under the “category - school events. We may hold to small groups and do after school hours events.

School should engage with their school community.

We are in rehearsal for some Art programs.

There will be discussions on vaccinated, mask and visitors' conversation over the next few weeks for the arts. For example:

- ☐ Vocal Soire
  - a. How many people, vaccinated protocol
  - b. Can people be there and we stream
  - c. Or multiple meetings
- ☐ We want to have our families in for performances
- ☐ SLT, PTA, there are lots of thing for people to come into the space.

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We want to make sure everyone is supported and heard. At tonight's meeting we have 100 people in attendance which is 1/5<sup>th</sup> to our population.

Terry will talk about messaging to Parents

**Student Advisory**

- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade has 15 minutes advisory once per week- students will work with advisor who has responsibility for students.
- 10<sup>th</sup> graders are on Wednesday and 9<sup>th</sup> graders are at 8:15 am to develop relationship.
- Middle school advisor is daily. We have a number of people helping. Social emotional support
- We are providing High school support for 8<sup>th</sup> graders letting parents know we are intentional for students each day.
- We are still under vaccine mandate. DoE guidance has changed from 2 shots in 2 weeks to one shot and being fully mandated.

**12th grade college**

- College guidance office is busy.
- 12 graders need to attend college meetings during lunch period.
- College application curriculum is in Humanities period.
- Juniors- there will be Juniors college career and support

**Assessment**

DoE has required we do periodic assessments in ELA and Math. This will map the growth of the students throughout the year. We will start with Middle school. It also includes assessment of the Pre-Calculus and Algebra to Trigonometry classes.

9<sup>th</sup> grade – Tuesday and Thursday

10 grade Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 am for the Health Credit.

If your child does not have health credit. We need priority program for academics

**Q &A For Principal Ryan**

Question – Transport for Dance Student

Answer- Daily busing falls under Field Trip and this Unit is out down due to Covid. This made it tight for ABT or Ailey students to get to the studio. However, Field Trip Bus at OPT is still offline.

- Ballet tech developed from common interest. NSAB funds PPAS to some degree

**Advisory** – some parents were notified students are not attending. We will start working with advisor. 10 grade on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> grade at 8:15 am on Wednesday. List with room number and teacher assignment is in the cafeteria.

Ques: Are we having a curriculum night?

Ans: We are behind on curriculum night. We will mail out the invite soon.

Ques: Homeless individual close to the school

Ans: We had issues with homeless. We are working with NYPD on this. We are also working with security from the local office. We are working with community officers from NYPD and also keeping an eye on the situation.

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Ques: As parent body, can we reach out to the NYPD. Parent heard a Beacon High School Student was accosted?

Ans: PTA Co- President Mike responded Haley and I will reach out to you

Ques: Can a 10 grader change PA Major?

Ans: We don't encourage this. We put kids through a process:

1. Speak with Assistant Principal Vassallo
2. We look into whether there are seats.
3. We then audition
4. It boils down to the individual student's case. We also look at the numbers for each class.
5. We don't want to encourage families that they can come into one major and switch.

Ques: Halloween Celebration?

Ans: We will be sending rules on what is allowed and what is not. We push the DoE rules. In the past we have had costume contest. We can have a Haunted House with Covid protocols. We will see what the protocols are.

**Parent Coordinator – Terri Gindi**

- If you know a family not on Pupil Path, reach out.
- Parents should have a separate Pupil Path account from the kids.
- Have kids check the pupil Path once per week.
- Terri will send a message i.e., newsletter once per week
- The knowledge Project has good classes. Terry will send the announcement for these events. They offer writing classes including writing a play, which is coming up soon.

**Updates by PTA Arts Delegates**

Delegates: SLT – Natasha Israel

- At the last SLT meeting, we spoke about programs and students transition to in person.
- We want everyone to be informed
- We will be focusing on Student Government and Spirit week
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> we are focusing on Student Morale and team spirit
- Parents can reach out at any time.
- We are getting the emails for all parents

**Dance Delegates- Dawn Bowen and Jasmine Batista**

- Introduction to parents
- Briefing by Dance Delegates found on PowerPoint slides forwarded to Parents

**Drama Delegate – Julie Wheeler**

- Introduction to parents
- Briefing by Drama Delegate please refer to PowerPoint slide deck forwarded by PTA.

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**Musical Theater (MT) - Shannon Burkett**

- Introduction to parents
- Briefing by MT Delegate please refer to PowerPoint slide deck forwarded by PTA.

**Vocal Delegate (VD) – Helen Steward**

- Introduction to parents
- Briefing by VD Delegate please refer to PowerPoint slide deck forwarded by PTA.

**Middle School Delegate (MS) - Jamie Campagnola**

- Introduction to parents
- Briefing by MS Delegate please refer to PowerPoint slide deck forwarded by PTA.

**Summary – Mike and Harley**

Co-delegates must be selected together.

Upcoming:

- November 18<sup>th</sup> - PTA General Meeting
- Moving forward it will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Recording Secretary  
Lisa Duke