

PPAS PTA Meeting 2024-10-16

Attendees

Maribel Austin, Sue Brown, Ellis Butts Tiffany, Raven Catlin, Jeff Cavalli, Erin Clancy-Balsamo, Jaimie Coombs, JJ Cristall, Yanet Cruz, Maria D'Elia, Shawn Dell, Jessica Delorenzo, Mary Dennis, Eugenia Edwards, Laura Einhorn, Mar Fitzgerald, Paul Flannery, Teresa Gindi, Debbie Greenwald, Greg, Jacqueline Handy, Kelly Heisler, Leslie Hendricks, Christin Hinds, Elizabeth Huang, Michael Jamrozek, Gwendolyn Kingsberry, Danielle Kojic, Jodie Loverro, Joe Loverro, Sharon Medina, Marisa Osorio, Kristen Palmieri, Sandra Perez, Rob Preuss, Charles Roussey, Daniel Rozzi, Aimée Savage, Stephen Scarpulla, Melissa Silagyi, Ilana Smith, Neal Sofge, Lynn Stirrup, Mila Travitsky, Alexandre Turrer, Karin Ulman, Ilya Volchyok, Jennifer Whipple, Jim Wordsworth, Sara Wordsworth, Leah Zepel

Call to order

- Motion to skip the reading of the Minutes by Leslie, seconded by Neal

Principal Dyer

- Large grant to start school year, she is still learning the requirements on how it can be spent
- Back to School Night was held in the building
 - Many families and students able to see building improvements
 - College Office showed off what they have to offer, the colleges visiting to recruit PPAS students
- Parent-Teacher conferences will remain remote, as it's more efficient
- Oct 11th - Community Meeting
 - Introductions for families to meet Admin, Counselor, Parent Coordinator
 - Core Curriculum updates; research-based, standardized so that transfer students aren't unnecessarily confused, and with extra-competent teachers to deliver it
 - Next meeting will be December, maybe with Youth Officers
 - There will be four meetings total, one each academic quarter
- Open Houses (3 upcoming) and Tours (over 20)
- Special events this year, e.g., guests coming to the building to do interviews for CBS News

Board Elections

- Uncontested election for all positions after amendment of Christin Hinds for Freshman Delegate
- **VOTE:** slate is passed by 87% with 11% Abstain and 2% Nay
- Musical Theater Delegate: Danielle Kojic, Sharon Medina
Freshman Delegate: Daniel Rozzi & Christin Hinds
Junior Delegate: Jessica DeLorenzo
SLT Members (2 positions available): Lynn Stirrup, Elvis Marte

Treasurer Report

- Arts Partners all paid, except for Ailey; still significant amount left
- Revenue looks good, Debbie projects we are on track; same for expenses
- Net revenue \$65K, which is earning a little bit of interest

Film Department

- Logan Roussey Cruz & Hudson Loverro, presenting
- Proposal: Purchase a professional-grade video camera plus accessories (storage, batteries, tripod, hard case, tools & lights) for about \$10,000
- Uses: Capture Performances, Create High-Res Films, Revamp PPAS Promo Materials, Showcase PTA Events
- Logan and Hudson collected 90 student signatures supporting this during a single 40-minute lunch period
- Raven asks if this is the camera the Film teacher recommends? (Yes)
- Raven asks if the sound in the auditorium will support decent acoustics for recording? (Yes, good enough for this purpose)
- Note that the camera kit will be owned by the school, not the Film partner
- **VOTE:** Should the PTA purchase this camera? **YES**, by 93% with 5% Abstain and 2% Nay

Senior Delegate Report

- Melissa Silagyi and Leslie Hendricks
- October 31: PPAS Fall Festival in the Courtyard at Lunchtime -- to fund-raise for the Senior Trip; Senior Parents, please donate a bag of candy for this (any time), or separately-wrapped treats (close to the event, for shelf life); middle-schoolers can participate too, it's the whole lunch period
- November 27: SENIORSGIVING in the Dance Studio all day; they make food and serve it
- Senior Dues are \$175, covers Graduation costs plus a yearbook (January 31 deadline, can be paid \$35/month instead of lump sum) -- don't buy another yearbook!
- Prom is \$150 per ticket
- THE WAVE is Senior talent show, Friday October 25, to raise Senior Trip money as well

Vocal Delegate Report

- Fall Soiree: October 29 7:00 PM in the Blackbox, first Vocal performance of the year

Drama and Musical Theater

- Last Days of Judas Iscariot is the fall play, Blackbox Nov. 7 & 8 at 7:00 PM, Nov. 9 at 2:00 and 7:00 PM
- In the Heights is the fall musical, Blackbox Nov. 21-22 at 7:00 PM, Nov. 23 at 2:00 and 7:00 PM

Key Dates

- High School Open Houses, October 23rd and 24th
Tours 5:00 - 5:45 pm, Program 6:00 - 8:00 pm

- Middle School Open House, October 30th
Tours 5:00 - 5:45 pm, Program 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Please volunteer to help out (need ushers, concessions, etc.) -- students especially, prospective parents really like having students answer questions and just show enthusiasm

Adjournment