

## PTA General Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 30, 2020

6:30-7:30p

[Zoom Link](#) and Meeting ID: 878 3647 6321; Dial in: (646) 876-9923

1. Welcome from the President / Call to order
  - a. Meeting commenced at 6:35pm. Recording of meeting was introduced.
  - b. Officers introduced themselves.
  - c. We are community first, especially when times are very sensitive. Putting our kids and kindness is at forefront.
2. Principal's Report (Ms. Sarah Pinto)
  - a. Ms. Pinto introduced herself and her children who attend the school. She welcomed feedback from all.
  - b. Non-school related reminder to vote, and get a flu shot.
  - c. On Wednesday had random testing but all staff and students' tests came back negative. Did report one positive case earlier this week. Parent of child tested positive and kept child home out of precaution. That class had to quarantine though for 14 days per DOE protocol. Students are washing hands, ample sanitizer, custodial staff are disinfecting every day and night, along with social distancing and mask wearing.
  - d. Look out for Friday family update via email through Tina. If haven't received updates, please give Tina Parent Coordinator your information since it includes great information and links to meetings.
  - e. PS20 received \$50,000 grant from better.com and \$2000 grant, which will be used for iPads, hotspots, etc. for teachers and students
  - f. Next Tuesday Nov 3 the school will all be remote on Election. Wednesday Nov 4 P-T conference night from 5-7pm, there is a challenge for families to join Zoom outside of P-T conference to meet community, and will be eligible for gift.
  - g. On Thursday Nov 4, it will be half-day so pickup is 11:30am, and will be P-T conference from 1-3pm. But parents have 2 weeks to follow up with teacher. Families can reach out to teacher to set up time.
  - h. Next week, the window for opting back into remote will open. Last time it was to opt into blended, but now the DOE is putting every child into in-person preference, so families need to opt out even if they have to remain in remote. All families should complete Learning Preference Survey. Cannot call Tina or Ms. Pinto to say we want to go remote. If you don't complete survey, the DOE will assume family will want to go in person, and will mark the child absent beginning late November/December. The survey runs from November 2<sup>nd</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, and this will be the only time to choose blended or remote per DOE policies. But PS20 will make exceptions if there are extenuating circumstances. Please think clearly where you want your child for the rest of the year.
3. NYU Dental
  - a. Priyanka Sharma, a dental hygienist, at NYU Dental Cavity Prevention Program. Visited PS20 last year to provide prevention. Through federally funded program,

can provide prevention care in only 10 min, and can do it with no shots, no pain. Dental checkup to check teeth, gums and mouth. They provide prevention by using fluoride varnish and decay stopping fluoride. Also provides dental health and motivation. Every child receives toothbrush, toothpaste and timer, as well as report. Can also provide assistance finding a dentist. No spray, spatter or aerosol. Is maintaining social distancing and all protocols by CDC and NYS agencies. All dentists will wear proper PPE. They will follow child every year for 5 years. They are not there to replace dentist, but are there to provide early prevention and care. All students are eligible to participate. No out of pocket expenses. Typically would provide dental care at school, but because of pandemic, will provide care at NYU Dentistry which is close to school. Look out for emails with link and phone call from NYU team to schedule appointment with children. Care will start the following week of November 9.

4. 5th grade committee (Daisy Ng)
  - a. Daisy Ng will be spearheading the 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee, and welcomes 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to join. Because of COVID can't fundraise so will be based on senior dues. Estimated budget of \$5,000. Have obtained quotes for yearbook and will be sending out information in the next month to get pictures from all parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If anyone has souvenir or other ideas, can schedule meeting. Tina has sent out 5<sup>th</sup> grade introductions and survey link.
5. Treasurer's report (Grace Pai)
  - a. General account contains \$13,000.
6. 501(c)(3) update (Balin Brandt)
  - a. PTA started 1-2 years ago to try to become non-profit to allow school to be more flexible in spending. Getting close to submission, and application is currently with pro bono lawyers who are reviewing application to ensure there will be no flags for IRS. Will take 3-6 months to get approved. Can start fundraising before that, but will need to communicate that we are in pending status. Uncertain how COVID affects application processing speed.
  - b. This allows us to have less firewall, and get more done.
7. President's report (Jason Stewart)
  - a. School photo day
    - i. Will continue to work with Cool for School photo. Since some families are in person and others remote, the projected dates are Nov 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> Friday and Saturday. Parents can sign up online for a time to get a photo taken. Precautionary measures will be taken, and will be an outside photo shoot, even with rain.
  - b. Volunteers
    - i. Need volunteers who can help with fundraising, grant writing, slideshow, graphic design, website, social media, etc. Still many opportunities even in remote environment. Please contact us if can volunteer.
  - c. Fundraising

- i. Shelton Rose (parent) proposed if we have 501c3, T-shirts can be sold through Custom Ink, and could raise thousands of dollars. Works in food industry and can donate baskets of food for Thanksgiving.
  - ii. May-Ling Wong (parent) reached out to Scholastic representative, and we have option to do online book fair for 2 weeks. We can get a link to send to parents, and parents can shop online and spend \$25 or more on books, there's free shipping directly home. So no need to set up anything at school. 25% of earnings will be given to school in Scholastic dollars. They don't offer cash online, and we will get catalog of what we can use Scholastic dollars on. Nov 16-30 are projected dates. Better to do before Dec 8 so we can get it before holidays.
- 8. New business
  - a. Parent asked about photos that were taken in March. Tina Parent Coordinator reminded parents to come pick up photos at school, or contact Tina to be mailed.
- 9. Announcements
  - a. Henry Street: 17 students total in school. At the moment there are current applications, but there is a wait list because trying to limit number of students for safety purposes. Please email Tiffany Rodriguez if you have any questions. There are no more than 9 in each group. Children are in the same room, but not same table or part of class. Tables are being sterilized before children go in. They provide them supper, and in process of getting plexiglass for the desks. Also trying to mirror the day school as much as possible.
  - b. Upcoming meetings: **3rd Friday of every month at 6:30-7:30pm**
- 10. Adjournment
  - a. Meeting ended at 7:27pm.