



## PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 22, 2020, 7:30pm remote meeting via Zoom

1. Welcome from PTA Co-Presidents (Victoria Owens and Melissa Dincher)
2. Principal's Report (Trish Peterson)
  - Grab & Go meals available for all
    - Breakfast 7:45-8am on M, Tu, Th, Fri
    - Meals 9am-1pm Wednesdays
  - Teachers Day – UFT changes are happening
    - Regular Hours – 8am-2pm
    - Office Hours – 2-2:20pm daily (reach out to your teacher to meet during these times)
  - Reminder – Complete your health screening every morning your child attends school in-person
    - Some reported technical difficulties, can also complete paper form (teaching assistants around perimeter of school have extra copies)
  - Attendance
    - Some students have quarantined due to potential exposure
    - Taken in person by teacher or on remote days during morning meetings
  - Guggenheim Residency (Grades 3 & 4) will begin soon, fully-remote
  - Continuity & Consistency across grades
    - Grade facilitator
    - Additional grade meetings on Wednesdays
    - Consistent schedule/checklists on remote days
  - Remote Wednesdays will have changes again next week

- Additional instructional blocks
- Combining hybrid cohorts
- Specialty enrichment by grades for weeks at a time
- Potential Covid-19 Case Protocol
  - Open communication critical; please inform Trish, Caren, & Eileen. If you have a positive test, please share lab results so testing/tracing can begin.
  - Community letters – only 4 pre-populated letters can be sent by PS8 admin, then case is turned over to the centralized Situation Room. If a positive test result is reported, expect follow up directly from central Situation Room (not PS8)
- Changing to Hybrid Model – window from 10/26-10/30
  - Complete both DOE online application **AND** also email PS8

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- General donations – 155k – great job
- Major Expenditures: Staffing positions – 181k; facilities enhancements for safety protocols – 35k, general supplies 19k
- Major Income – Read-a-thon; Auction
- Fundraising – Fall Match upcoming, outreach beginning to previous match families;

### 4. Events

- Virtual bookfair w/Fork+Pencil, in conjunction with Read-a-Thon

### 5. Presidents' Updates

- Hybrid students – researching saliva-based testing to be sent home with the kids for pool testing
- Halloween Scavenger Hunt in in the works
- SLT – Expedited Election – one parent rep slot available
  - Winner is Jennifer LaRusso-Leung

### 6. Parent Questions/Suggestions:

- Q: Curriculum Night – will it take place?
  - A: TBD
- Q: Will Grade-Admin meetings take place?
  - A: TBD

- Q: What are remote class limits?
    - A: 25 Kindergarten, 32 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades but there are currently more in some classes
  - Q: How are you working to make sure that fully-remote & hybrid students are doing the same work across grade level?
    - A: Teachers meet weekly on Wednesdays to plan together across grades. All teacher teams also work with staff developers to stay aligned and consistent. Grade facilitators take the lead.
  - Follow up Q: Seems hybrid kids are at a real academic disadvantage.
    - F/U A: Thoughtful changes are being put in place, PTA is bringing in meaningful online programs, and we are always revisiting ways to improve our process to support students.
    - F/U A: Remote teachers are trying to figure out how students can participate in hands-on science experiments. Hybrid teachers are thinking about the best way to address the main learning standards while only seeing children 3 days.
7. Approval of draft minutes from September PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes.
- Motion to waive reading? Second?
  - Motion to approve? Second?

Adjourned at 8:32pm