



MINUTES

MS54 PTA General Meeting
March 10, 2020 @ 8:00 am, Auditorium
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CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS & MINUTES: (8:00 – 8:10)

- Review and approve February minutes

TEACHER PANEL ON STATE TESTING: (8:10 – 8:25)

- Ms Jen Mistal (6th and 7th grade Humanities) and Ms Maggie Weinreb (6th grade Math) joined us for teacher panel on the English and Math state test
 - English ELA test - March 25th = all multiple choice and March 26th = all writing
 - This is a reading comprehension test and tips are included in the 2020 ELA Test packet
 - 7th grade suggestions for English would be to focus on poems; healthy living article; central idea & relevant details
- Math test = April 21st = multiple choice and April 22nd = problem solving
 - 6th grade has no calculators while 7th and 8th graders are allowed calculators
 - Booker preps the students by reviewing past test and most classes start prepping in mid-March
- Makeup period extends 6 days after the original state tests
- Best way to prep students is to have them do their homework

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: (8:25 – 8:30)

- School Updates
 - Working through the Coronavirus situation and new protocols over sick kids along with following DOE protocol
 - Would recommend encouraging the kids to wash their hands and keep Purell in backpacks
 - Teachers have been asked to keep an eye on sick kids and they will be sent home to protect the welfare of other students and staff
 - Parent-teacher conference are planned for Thursday and Friday
 - Friday is a planned half day with Wellness theme in the morning with scheduled seminars for the students
- Funding Requests
 - Request for \$500 for hand sanitizer and wipes and dinner for staff at no more than \$1000

PRESIDENTS' REPORT: (8:30 – 8:45)

- Uptown Jazz Update – Chris
 - Planned for March 21st
 - Revenues have reached approximately \$20K, 23 Class Baskets, new concept with the Giving Tree
 - Expenses are on target to spend approximately \$25,000 to \$26,000 for the event and Exec board voted 2 weeks ago to continue with the Spring Auction
 - There are still volunteer opportunities with sign-up on Sign Up Genius
 - Still looking for donations for the auction
- Field Closure – Jerome
 - Planned for late March 30th, there have been some delays and may be more; hope for a street closure when field is closed is still being pursued – probably on 107th street, calls to CD7, Parks or Gayle Brewster or others that can help forward
- Safety Update – Jerome
 - the red-light system has been installed; no kids permitted in after 8:20, to cut down on kids wandering around in the mornings
- Nominating Committee - Jerome
 - Committee will be forming to look for nominations and members for PTA/SLT board for upcoming calendar year

TREASURERS' REPORT: (8:45 – 8:50)

- Budget Status: on track with income \$360,463.80, expenses \$500,043.42, net operating income -\$139,579.62; cash on hand \$726,373.25

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (8:50 – 9:00)

- Fundraising – Colleen
 - May 16th – Football still remains - \$25
 - Fairway no longer participating
 - Papa John's = \$7.17 donation and will re-evaluate for next year as there were not enough orders and to revisit this fundraiser
- Equity Team – Kyle
 - Black month success and looking for other opportunities for celebrate
 - Next meeting targeted at the end of March
- Communications – Joanne
 - Join us on Facebook for on-going communications
- Wellness – Joanne – Wellness Day, March 13
 - There will be a half day Wellness focus this Friday with 30 presenters across all the topics such as yoga, stress management, etc.

NEXT GENERAL PTA MEETING: April 7 @ 7:00 pm