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MS54 PTA General Meeting

April 12th @ 7:00 PM, Zoom Mtg

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- **Call to Order & Minutes**

- Approval of March '22 PTA EB minutes - **APPROVED**

- **Principal's Report**

- 8th grade went on field trips to Brooklyn and the school was aware of the subway incident, but students were already on their way to the field trip. Everyone returned safely.
- SHSAT results available and check myschool to get results.
- Grades are now available and were sent home with students.
- Talk to your children during the break to listen to the news and encourage your kids to keep up with the latest news.
- Kids will bring home COVID tests (2 each) and instructions on how to return from Spring break. There are 2 positive staff cases in the school.
- Congrats to the teachers and MS54 family who welcomed 3 additional babies to our community.

- **Presidents' Report**

- Current Board Members: Plans for 2021-2022
- SLT Update
 - Jupiter use
 - SHSAT/H.S. Admissions prep for all students (see new business)
 - Teacher shortages
 - PTC format for next year
- CEC/PC Update:
 - 2 seats open on CEC3; contact Lucas Liu
- Safety Update
 - 3 more drills to do: lockdown + evacuation
 - Increase in COVID cases
 - Recent incidents
 - 8 new safety agents for all of Upper Manhattan; unlikely MS54 will get one
 - All students to receive test kits for return from spring break
- Grants Update - waiting to hear back
- After School Update
 - After School program is thriving at \$45K, 344 registrations started last week
 - June music added to the program on June 2nd and 3rd
 - Ordering equipment for clubs
 - Ready to accept registrations in July with Fall programming
- School Store Report
 - Bucket Hats
 - Ordering more staples
 - Do we want to offer Class of 2022 gear? **VOTE**



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- More pop-up shops?
 - 8th grade graduation + Activities:
 - Still waiting for confirmation, but looking at June 21st and 2 slots per family
 - What celebration events can we organize for 8th graders:
 - Yearbook signing party
 - Field trip
 - Dance
 - Please fill out the 8th grade graduation survey due on Wednesday, April 13th
 - 2022 Grad Gear is now available
 - Call for Volunteers - ongoing; met with 1 person for Comms, 1 person for Treasurer
 - P.R. Reminder: copresidents@ms54pta.org, NYPost article
 - Announcements
 - PTA Podcast and up and ready now - voted for navy logo background
 - Cherry Blossom Picnic, April 10th - Sunday
 - Ravi Dinner Drive on May 1st
 - Ice cream social
- **Annual Appeal Update**
 - We are at 88% of our annual appeal goal at \$186K
- **Treasurer's Report (7:35 - 7:45)**
 - \$300K income for the year
 - Need help and would love to get more volunteers
- **After School Update**
 - At \$45K, 344 registrations
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- **Community Updates (7:45 - 8:00)**
 - Wellness Committee
 - Please fill out the Wellness survey
 - Check out the MS54 Wellness YouTube channel: Need a break? MS54 Wellness YouTube channel -- check out this brief videos from parent alum and psychotherapist Dr. Vijayeta Sinh
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjnn0bZQrt469oVszNoUjDA/videos>
How to Handle Intense Emotions? Brief videos for students, parents/guardians and teachers from the Child Mind Institute
<https://www2.childmind.org/webmail/908232/543927721/2043d37d487a449ddac>



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- Next Meeting: May 4th with a guided meditation
- Equity Team
 - Nildania's items (*check my notes)
 - Next Meeting
- Fundraising
 - Ravioli Dinner Drive currently running with pickup on May 6th around 3 pm and last taking order on Sunday, May 1st
 - The return of attending Sporting events and scheduled at Sunday, May 22nd
 - Possible Spring Festival/BBQ in lieu of 3x3 family tournament; may coordinate efforts with Ms. Johnson
- School Store
 - Bucket Hats
 - Ordering more staples
- Communications Team
 - This week's newsletter will go out on Friday, April 15th and there will be no newsletter through the Spring break
 - Candidate(s) needed for next year
 - Previous newsletters: on the [Newsletter Archive](#) page of the MS54 website.
 - If there is a free event that you think will be of interest to our school community and want to request that it be included in the newsletter, please email webmaster@ms54pta.org by Wed of each week.
- Grade Rep Check-ins
 - 8th Grade Rep:
 - Covered during Principal's section
 - Targeting 8th trip to 6 Flags and more details to come
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Bylaws revisions
 - Nominating committee
- **New Business (8:15 - 8:30)**
 - H.S. Admissions Criteria: Getting info out to 6th + 7th grade families

Remaining PTA General Meetings:

May 10, 2022 at 7pm

June 14, 2022 at 7pm

**Agenda is subject to updates without notice