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MS54 PTA General Meeting

May 10, 2022 @ 7:00 PM, Zoom Mtg

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- **Call to Order & Minutes**
 - Approval of April 2022 PTA EB minutes - APPROVED

- **Teacher Update - Daniel Clark**
 - Teaches 7th and 8th grade math
 - Early Academy prep for Mathematics and Science Regents Exams is underway
 - 7th graders completed the NY State Math Test
 - Talent Show was a success
 - 3-on-3 Basketball - playoff week is upcoming; parents are welcome

- **Principal's Report**
 - Talent Show was sold out; great event; special thanks to Anne Pejovich, Mr. Fagen, Ms. Williams, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Clark, and other teachers
 - Model UN held simulations; parents were invited to attend; students will participate in the Model UN event this weekend
 - AAPI showcase will be held on May 20
 - Found better school fits for two students which resolved a lot of issues in hallways
 - Funding request - none

- **Presidents' Report**
 - Bylaws revisions will be presented at the next General Meeting or Special Meeting for member approval
 - PTA Election and SLT Election will be held at the June meeting
 - PTA Info Sessions will be held on May 19 at 12pm and 8pm via Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/93927687550?pwd=UW01ZEV4eVVISU9wTUVmbVorb2RjZz09>
 - Menstrual kits will be replenished
 - SLT Update
 - Discussed Jupiter use, SHSAT admissions prep, and teacher shortages
 - Next meeting: May 13, Friday, 7:20am; meeting will be in-person
 - Contact: slt-cochairs@ms54pta.org
 - CEC/PC Update:
 - Vacancy for CEC3
 - Business meeting to be held on May 4 via Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tcOmhqTkiGdAt9y1ta6dcNLQNYXWVVs_c
 - CPAC (Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council) meeting will be held on May 12
 - CEC 3 Calendar meeting to be held on May 18 via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvfuirz0uGtTDE0f4Fks7Vy70fJ-Usq8H>
 - New CEC 3 Member Mark Gonsalves (PS199)



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- Contact Lucas Liu lliu@cec3.org with any questions
- Safety Update
 - One drill held; one drill remains
 - New safety agent temporarily assigned
 - Students will receive 4 covid test kits
- Grants Update - no update
- School Store Report - no update
- Announcements
 - Coffee hour with Dr. Elster on May 12, Thursday, 8am; meeting will be in-person; RSVP: <https://forms.gle/ejZrkLYKqBmNe3St5>
 - PTA podcast - <https://forms.gle/16XoACHz4w7TkZhA6>
 - Musical to be held on June 2 and 3 at 6pm; tickets go on sale next week
 - Jazz Club event to be held on June 10
 - 7th Grade evening social will be held
 - Learn to ride a bicycle workshop will be held either this year or next fall
 - 6th grade walk to Chinatown for taiyaki upcoming
 - Band Spring Concert will be held on June 6 and June 8; parents of students in the band should have received an email from Mr. Fagen to let you know which date your child is performing; all are invited.
 - Jazz Ensemble Cabaret will be held on June 10
 - Juneteenth event planning is underway
 - Spring Festival planning is underway
- **Annual Appeal Update**
 - 88% toward Annual Appeal goal
 - Fiscal year is ending soon so please send in your donations - <https://www.ms54.org/annual-appeal.html>
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - 2022-2023 budget will be presented at the June meeting
 - Reported current budget status
- **After School Update**
 - Due to a glitch with active.com some parents were inadvertently charged a fee; company will provide refunds; contact support@activenetwork.com
- **Community Updates**
 - Wellness Committee
 - Next meeting: June 13, 7pm – Dr. Elster will speak about setting up the summer for student success; <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvdeGsrj0qGtwjh3EmQmvbeSy0tR5l72eT>



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- Wellness page on the school website contains many resources;
<https://www.ms54.org/wellness-committee.html>
- NY Times has good info on teen mental health:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/05/learning/is-teen-mental-health-in-a-state-of-crisis.html>
- Equity Team
 - Discussed how to better support families over the high school admissions process, especially to make info more accessible
 - Ideas include efforts to provide workshops in different languages and a listserv wherein families can share info and provide support
 - Email equity@ms54pta.org to join the listserv
 - Next Meeting: May 17, Tuesday, 7pm; register here:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqdeGuqD0pE9LtcHSlvetNT0se_rBTWvw9](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlqdeGuqD0pE9LtcHSlvetNT0se_rBTWvw9)
- Fundraising
 - Reported revenue amount from Talent Show concessions stand and raffle
 - Online auction - teacher volunteers to take students out
 - Wine tasting event to be planned
 - Reported results from the ravioli drive
 - Upcoming fundraiser - Panda Express lunch order on June 7 (tentative)
 - NYC Football Club match will be held on May 22 at 5pm; tickets are still available, \$35; purchase by May 15
- School Store
 - Restocked inventory
- Communications Team
 - Invited members to share their student successes in the newsletter
- Grade Rep Check-ins
 - 8th Grade Rep:
 - Congrats to students who placed at SHSAT schools
 - Non-specialized high school admissions results will be announced in early June
 - Graduation will be held on June 22, 5:30pm
 - Info regarding yearbook party and field trip will be forthcoming
 - 8thgraderep@ms54pta.org
- **New Business**
 - Parents who are fluent in Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, please volunteer to help programs to support families with the high school admissions process; volunteer for HS workshop support or provide tips/insight, please email equity@ms54pta.org



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Remaining PTA General Meetings:

June 14, 2022 at 7pm

**Agenda is subject to updates without notice