

PTA General Meeting
September 27, 2018

- Review minutes from June-APPROVED
- Introduce PTA Executive Board
- Update on middle school admission changes
 - The model that was adapted was that 10/15% of seats will be filled by group A and B determined by the DOE.
 - Admissions will be blind, New rubric: 40% state test, 40% booker T assessment, 10% report card, 10% teacher recommendation.

- Update on 108th Street construction project
 - Moving along at a slower pace than they predicted.
 - Construction Advisory Meetings are being held by District 7. We have representatives from the parent body and administration at the meeting.
 - Air quality monitor on the school roof. Will put one on the fence of the playground.
 - We asked for a crossing guard. A member of the precinct worked out the logistics with Dr. Elster for Amsterdam and 108th. No trucks will enter 108 between 8-4pm. No trucks on 107th Street.
 - Demolition should start in October and finished in December
 - Parent body can send the concerns to the PTA.
 - There will be updates in the newsletter

Open positions for PTA

- 6th Grade representative
- The Exec board has recommended Melissa Burnazian for vacant position of co-Fundraising
- The Exec board has recommended Chris Giordano for vacant position of co-president
- Nominations sought for vacant position of co-president
- Nominations sought for vacant position of co-recording secretary
- Opened to nominations from the floor

SLT VOTE

Nominees introduced themselves

- Alli Brettschneider
- Kyle Clayton
- Olivier Couronne
- Brad Robert
- Hudson Roditi
- Andy Weinstein
- Opened to nominations on the floor

- Vote held
- Vote tallied and the new SLT members are **Hudson Roditi and Andy Weinstein**

Principal Update

Register: 883 Students (33 more than last year at this time)

Classes: 11 6th grade classes (including one 12:1:1 class and 3 ICT classes)
 8 7th grade classes (including 2 ICT classes)
 9 8th grade classes (including 2 ICT classes)
 2 7th/8th bridge 12:1:1 classes

Faculty: 82 members

Reorganization: Expanded the Student Coordinator Position to include all grades
 Replaced the Dean of Safety and Discipline

State Scores:

ELA: 91% of students scored a 3 or 4 (an increase of 3.4% over last year – 2018/88%)
 Math: 86.4% of students scored a 3 or 4 (a decrease of 1.8% from the prior year – 2018/88%)

Draft of CEP Goals:

Rigorous Instruction

By June 2019, students in 12:1:1 classes will improve their reading skills as evident by an overall 2% increase on the New York State ELA exam.

Supportive Environment

By June 2019, the school will expand and develop its peer-buddy program in order to help support sixth graders in their transition to middle school, as measured by at one activity each month.

Collaborative Teachers

By June 2019, every teacher team will review student work once a month and will prepare at least one common assessment each quarter as documented through the team's Google documents.

Effective School Leadership

By June 2019, 100% of the faculty will have increased their capacity to differentiate lessons and will use at least three strategies on a regular basis.

Strong Family Community Ties

By June 2019, 40% of the students with disabilities will participate in the after-school academic support program in order to help them improve their skills and complete their work.

Focus on differentiation

Look towards planning for changes to our school population and culture
 Admissions season

TREASURY UPDATE

- TD checking account: \$321,691.82
- TD Money Market Account: \$251,850.24
- Proposed to raise the auction budget from 30000 to 40000-Voted and approved

FUNDRAISING

- Annual Appeal-collected \$31,128.28/January 28 phone-a-thon for annual
- Yankees- Friday went well. We made \$640.
- Jets- They are offering 5 games that parents can choose from
- Fairway- cards are on the way (ordered 500)
- Broadway Night- November 5, 2018
- Pie Sale
- Yubbler-School supplies up 1k from last year
- Amazon, box tops, bake sales

Auction

- Held first meeting it is going well
- Proposed to increase the expense budget was accepted