

PPAS PTA Meeting 2024-05-16

Attendance: online Neal Sofge , Lisa Hamilton , Rosa Jacquez,

Inperson - Shawn Dell, Marisa Osorio, Jamie Campagnola, Leslie Hendricks, Laura Einhorn, Tiffany Butts, Dan Donovan, Erin Balsamo, Donna Dukes, Kelly Heisler

Call to order at 6:30 pm

Principal Dyer

PPAS and MTW have won the Participatory Budget vote. Plans for the chairlift to the auditorium are underway.

Plaster damage occurred in the ladies restroom due to a plumbing issue on the 2nd floor. Repairs are underway and will be completed as soon as possible.

Seniors' Decision Day is an annual event that gives our senior class an opportunity to share their plans for after graduation. Students attending college wear their university swag. It is always exciting to hear where our students plan to go.

Exam time — AP exams have been completed. Regents are particularly late this year. Schedules are forthcoming.

Several staff members working on grants

Manhattan Principals workshop will be held Tuesday, May 21st in the blackbox. The Neward Superintendent's office will visit on the 24th. The more they learn about our school the more they'll want to replicate it

"Principal for a Day" program — Kenneth Marks, a software executive

SLT has been looking at arts programming and comprehensive education program to determine effectiveness and prepare for bidding process

Next year PTA President would like to have concise meetings with guest speakers, leveraging technology to avoid spending meeting time going over things better communicated via email or websites

The faculty has been discussing the implementation of Jonathan Haight's work on portable technology (book *Anxious Generation*) and how we can support the kids putting the phones away in school

President's Report

There's still time to nominate for next year's Board
The next meeting will be In-person only because of the elections

Gala

Great stuff already in, but if you have stuff to donate contact the Committee It's going to be a lot of fun, please come!

You can participate in the silent auction even if you can't make it in person No ticket sales at the door because the venue wants a final count

If you raise \$295 in your Champion fund, you get in for free; if you are above \$500 then 40% of the overage goes to the arts program of your choice

Intermission

Midtown West dismissal, too much noise swamping the online signal so 10-minute break called

Treasurer Report

Debbie Greenwald reviewed the PTA insurance proposal (included in slide deck) and put a motion on the floor to vote for the "recommended" package.
Marisa Osorio seconded

Insurance Vote: Will the PTA purchase the "Recommended" package? 5 out of 5 online, 12 out of 12 in the room -- MOTION PASSED

Treasurer presented the budget (included in slide deck)

Note that the forecast is what you should be looking at -- YTD is not relevant because this is a whole-year budget

Also note that Main Stage budget items are entirely separate from the PTA. (But PTA is allowed to sell at the shows, which let us make up for the lack of bake sales.)

Budget Vote: Does the PTA approve the budget as presented?
5 out of 5 online, 11 out of 12 in the room -- MOTION PASSED

Senior Delegates

Only 14 families interested in Hershey Park (too expensive) so working on alternate trip options (trying to get discounted tickets for Hell's Kitchen; if that fails then maybe Medieval Times)

Public Policy Expo coming up, will have some sort of food to serve to seniors because they have to come in for first period

Field Day is June 12, all-day event at Central Park; looking for snacks and water donations from parents -- contact seniordelegate@ppaspta.org

Breakfast on 6/13 provided by PTA Delegates will attend

Yearbook, Cap & Gown will be given out, seniors can sign yearbooks (all covered by senior dues, so pay up if you haven't)

Graduation rehearsal 6/13 at noon in the auditorium Prom 6/14, make sure you get prom tickets Awards Night 6/25 hosted by Teri Gindi; any senior getting an award will be contacted to make sure they show up

Graduation is 6/26, each senior gets 4 tickets, seniors must gather in the Black Box beforehand

Need new senior delegates -- please nominate!

Key Dates

Gala on Monday!

Pay attention to the newsletters for other upcoming events

Adjournment