



PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2024

Remote only

Recording Co-Secretary: Justine Zinkin

Meeting Started: 6:05 pm

- (1) SLT Update - The SLT provided an update on the process of completing the official hiring of a new Principal. This is conducted via the [DOE's C30 process](#)
 - The Level 1 of the process, which involves the SLT Committee meeting with Principal candidates, is complete. Level 2 is next = Superintendent
 - The SLT profiled the overall process, noting that the next step is a process which concludes with a return to the SLT for final review.
 - The process is expected to be completed in February 2025.
- (2) [President's Report](#)
 - Thanks again to Beth Cheikes for moderating our college-themed November meeting. Check out [our notes](#).
 - The PSAT will be administered to Y1s during Regents Week in January. An SAT prep class will be offered between January and March. The SAT will be administered to Y1s on April 2nd. Inquire with the CTO about alternate entry to the National Merit Scholarship.
 - BHSEC Manhattan was awarded \$5000 for PSAL team uniforms from the Manhattan Borough President's Community Awards Program! We are so grateful to Allyson Novembre and her tireless work to secure these funds for our student athletes.
 - Allyson Novembre is also working on participatory budgeting opportunities for Bard. Stay tuned....
 - We raised \$13,445 for [Giving Tuesday](#)!
 - [New Bardware](#) is in stock now! Hoodies and sweatpants to benefit our school for your last minute gifting needs ;)
- (3) [Fundraising Committee Update](#) - presented by Aisha Greene
 - The Fundraising Committee thanked everyone for their generous donations during our Giving Tuesday Campaign. We raised over \$10,000!
 - A special thank you was made for the amazing video
 - The goal for the year was \$115,000. We are one-third there!
 - A profile of the expenses covered was provided, profiled in [this link](#).

- The PTA welcomes new ideas from the community. If interested in joining our committee, email hello@bardmanhattanpta.org.
- (4) [Treasurer's Report](#) and [Capital & Expense Funding Update](#) - presented by Sebastian Hardy
- For November, the PTA raised \$6,146 and spent \$7,039. This doesn't include December money raised from Giving Tuesday.
 - We just passed \$6,000 in Bardware sales! And have a new merch delivery of hoodies and sweatpants
 - There was an inquiry regarding how to support kids who can't afford merch prices. Ideas included:
 - Consider the pay it forward model (buy one, donate one)
 - Incorporate this donation budget into the initial price. Top up for a portion to go into a fund for some merch to be available for free.
- (5) Open Forum: An opportunity for open-ended discussion / questions / comments from parents
- Q: What is the role of the SLT?
 - A: The PTA profiled the SLT at Bard:
 - At all schools, the School Leadership Team (SLT) is a representative body including the Principal, Parents, and Teachers, that help set educational policy and in particular are re
 - The SLT is special because students have an active, equal voice.
 - They meet on a monthly basis at 4:30 or 5 pm.
 - Examples of interests / concerns raised by the SLT:
 - Concerns about sophomores' level of homework
 - Questions about Jupiter being updated with grades
 - Strawberries wanted for lunch!
 - The SLT is responsible for developing a school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP). See [link](#) for 2024-25 CEP
 - At Bard, the SLT also includes student members (not required at all schools). This enables Bard leadership and other adult stakeholders to hear directly from our students.
 - The next SLT meeting is January 6th, 2025 at 4:30 pm.
 - Q: There were concerns about hot water.
 - A: Carol Turitz noted that there has been an issue with the boiler so it has been very hot. (Being addressed?).
 - Q: What other community events do people want to see, and how can we get the P back in the PTA?
 - A: One idea was to piggy back off of the college and event and host a career fair or exploratorium for the students.