



PTA General PTA Agenda

March 11, 2026

- Start recording to Cloud
- Confirm Otter notetaker is logged in
- Start Attendance Taker
- Have a Translator advise people to use the Globe on the bottom of the screen for Translation
- Put Translators into translation “rooms”
- Note the time - 6:37 pm
- Call to order
- Confirm Quorum
- Approve minutes
- Principal DeFlorio’s Report
 - Last week’s Lunar New Year celebration was fantastic. Thanks for the Lion dancers
 - Two successful family nights: game night and a vision board night
 - Kids are putting in course requests for next year. Parents should talk to their kids about opportunities and interests, etc. Any questions can go to Guidance Counselors.
 - Teachers and Guidance Counselors will be helping students make choices that reflect each students’ goals.
 - PDF will make sure AP class requests are available
 - Requests due at the end of the week.
 - March Madness at school Battle of the Grades. This week is decorate your hall. Next week is find the mistakes around the school. Third week is riddles and scavenger hunt.
 - The top 50 kids with highest attendance in each grade will be invited to the final battle of the grades last week of March
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 - SAT and PSAT are 17-March
 - 9th and 12th arriving at 10:30. 10th and 11th grade report at 8:20 for the exam. Students can bring their own devices, but if something goes wrong, HSES will swap in a school device
 - PTCs in two weeks. Sign up in Teacher REacher. Kids have half day on Thurs. No School Friday for Eid
 - Marking period about to end.
 - Great article published about our school.



- Confirm Sophomores and Juniors are automatically signed up for PSA and SAT
- Know Your Rights
- Executive Functioning Seminar
- Class of 2030 orientations start March 30th at 5:30, we have a PTA Class of 2030 WhatsApp chat started and we will give out information on joining the group at the orientation
- Any progress toward possible school trips?
- Vaping Presentation by the schools social worker Jasmin Camino
 - Link to presentation is here:
- Financial Report
 - General updates
- Fundraising Committee Report
 - Updates from 29-Feb FRC Meeting (Leaving this here, but I think it is mostly stuff for the Exec board meeting and may not need to be mentioned at the general meeting)
 - Joel spoke to Albany, but they were short of specifics for preparing students to work in Nano tech.
 - Rhiannon reached out to Cornell, but got no response. She is looking for a new contact.
 - Rhiannon in contact with fellow alum Jiang Yu re: getting him involved with the school
 - Parent survey not yielding much in the way of expertise database
 - Lisa and Racael are taking ownership of the Alum FB page, and working to merge our mailchimp list with that of Marx and Chen
 - Joel spoke with Whole Foods re: food for Earth Day and possibly stitching from Fresh Direct to Whole Foods for food studies. He has a new contact, Cheryl, and is following up with here
 - Joel reports Deutsche Bank has dropped out of funding the rooftop mural
 - Joel will reach out to Wilson for auction
 - Joel reached out to Nordstrom and Macy's for possible thrift donations
 - Auction all set for City Tavern on 4/29. Jenn R nominated them for DOE preferred vendor
 - Rhiannon talking to Alvin Ailey about possibly getting HSES kids to perform a dance at auction
 - Annual Fund at 78% of goal
 - Senior Dues fundraising campaign at 25% of goal, up from 16%!



- Comms Team
 - Earth Day is Friday 24-April
 - Auction is Wednesday 29th of April
- SLT Report (11-March)
 - MP1 ends on Friday
 - Attendance rate is 88% v 87% for NYC
 - Chronic Absenteeism up 2 points from 35% to 37%
 - Anxiety, depression is some feedback from deans
 - Sleeping late or going back to sleep (after up late doing homework)
 - Survey to be given out before end of year to get details from students, “What adult to you speak to when anxious”
 - Correlation between attendance and grades (Semester 1)

Attendance	# Students	Average Passing
0 - 50%	47	60%
50.1 - 80%	120	73%
80.1 - 90%	176	79%
90% +	577	86%

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	Math 25-26	Eng 25-26	Math 24-25	Eng 24-25
Overall Pass rate	91	94	86	90
ELL Pass Rate	89	80	77	83
SWD pass rate	77	87	82	84

- Title 1 Report
 - Executive Functioning seminar has hit a snag. Still waiting to be work through that. Will keep you posted
- One fundraising request? (\$300 for Malin’s repair of the 3D printer): Approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:46

