



MINUTES: Parent Teacher Association General Meeting

DATE: November 15, 2021

ATTENDANCE: 37

- Executive Board Members: 3
- General Members: 32
- School Staff: 2

PRESIDENT: Angel Vail

TREASURER: Lennart Olsson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Richard Stein

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	DECISION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	A. Meeting called to order by A. Vail	Meeting called to order	5:40 PM
II. Introduction of new Executive Board A. Angel Vail B. Richard Stein C. Lennart Olsson	All three members of the executive board gave brief introductions about themselves.	Informational	
III. Report from the President (Angel Vail)	A. Vail gave a brief overview of the PTA membership and goals for the year to re-establish itself and hold events and requested general members to provide any suggestions for events. Informed the general	Informational	



	members that all parents/guardians of a student in the school (listed on the blue card) are automatically members of the PTA and can vote.		
IV. DESSA Overview (Ms. Lidia)	Ms. Lidia gave an overview of the DESSA screener which is a social-emotional evaluation which will be used to see how our students are developing in those areas such as their emotional competency, how they show empathy, and how they make caring decisions. A video was shared which can be found at https://youtu.be/5RVISH0ghWw . Parents may opt out of the screener and can discuss results with their child's teacher after the screening has been completed.	Informational	
V. Report from the Principal (Ms. Hametz) A. Upcoming School Dates for Nov/Dec B. Academic Recovery C. Vaccination Pop-Up D. Perfect Attendance Certificates E. Student of the Month F. Honor Roll	A. Tue Nov 16 3:30pm - School Leadership Team Meeting Open to the Public. Wed Nov 17 9am - Town Hall Safety meeting (one meeting a year has to be a town hall). Thu Nov 18 12pm - 3K/Pre-K workshop on Developmental Milestones for 3 and	Informational	



	4-year olds. Fri Nov 19 9am - Family Friday. Mon Nov 22 6:30pm* - Brilliant NYC hosted by Superintendent Dr. Composto. This is revamping of the Gifted and Talented program. Parents need to pre-register by Monday at noon and will receive an un-shareable link to attend. <i>*This originally was incorrectly written as beginning at 1pm</i> Wed Nov 24 11am - Social Worker bi-monthly workshop on Child Abuse. Thu Nov 25 and Fri Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Break. Week of Nov 29 - Studio in a School will begin with K, 1 and 2. Already started with 3-K and Pre-K. Wed Dec 8 11am - Social Worker bi-monthly workshop. Thu Dec 9 - Fire Department workshops for all grades. Dec 17 - Concert for Families week.		
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	Dec 20 - 23 - Spirit Week. Wed Dec 22 11am - Social Worker Workshop. Thu Dec 23 9am - Family Friday. Dec 24 - Jan 2 - Winter Break. B. Academic Recovery: Children dropped below in levels because of the pandemic. First priority group will be students with disabilities (children with IEP) starting this Wednesday Nov 17, 20 hours over 10 sessions. Second group can include students in the first group who haven't made progress plus English language learners. 16 hours. Beginning by the end of December. Third group is for all remaining students who are struggling including Kindergarten children. Parents will receive notice via phone and mail if their child is in one of the groups. C. Vaccination Pop-Up: 18 students got vaccinated! PTA should receive money as part of the vaccine referral program that awards \$100 per vaccine recipient to the referred organization.		
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	D. Certificates for 100% attendance on a monthly basis. Must be physically in the school and must not be late. Certificates will be made out for September and October and will go home tomorrow. November certificates will go out in December. E. Student of the Months: Each month each teacher is asked to send two students to Ms. Hametz, not for academics but for good citizenship and the school's core value. <i>(Ms. Hametz read the list of recipients for September and October. The list can be found at the end of these minutes)</i> F. Honor Roll: After each report card/marking period for K-2. In order to receive placement, you need to have all Level 3's and one 4 in Reading, Writing, Listening/Speaking, Math, Science, Social Studies. Needs to have 90% attendance or better. <i>(Ms. Hametz read the list for the first Honor Roll. The list can be found at the end of these minutes)</i>		
VI. Report of the Treasurer (Lennart Olsson)	• Balance is \$375.95 • Don't have fundraisers planned just yet • Account has a \$10 monthly	Action Item: Lenny to investigate whether or not	



	maintenance fee • Currently use TD Bank, but am looking for an alternative without a monthly maintenance fee. • Selma Lemsayah: Recommend getting an account with access to Zelle or another way to get donations besides cash. • DOE has strict restrictions around how the PTA can perform transactions. Prefer checks and cash. Recently the DOE may have approved PayPal. May not allow Zelle. • Veronica Sosa: Ask each family for a small donation at the beginning of the year (\$10 or \$20) • Angel: Opposed to requests for donation as we don't know everyone's financial situation.	the PTA can use Zelle for transactions.	
VII. Parent Advisory Council	Separate from the PTA, this council needs to be formed which will make recommendations on how to spend Title I funding that is provided to the school for the purpose of providing workshops to parents. The workshops	Victoria M and Angel V to serve as primary and alternate members of the PAC.	



	must directly benefit the students. Currently there is \$1,077 available for the PAC. Ms. Hametz says there is separate funding under Title III specifically for ESL. The PTA needs at least one representative and one alternate to be officially designated members of the PAC. Meetings can take place right after the PTA general meetings. Angel Vail asked for nominations for the PAC. Victoria M and Angel Vail self-nominated. No one opposed.		
VIII. Events	Angel is looking into vendors for Picture Day. Will need PTA volunteers. School will help with scheduling but PTA needs to handle logistics. Vendor from Ms. Hametz's previous school required pre-purchasing of photo packages. Angel is investigating another vendor where payment can be made after seeing photo proofs. Want to be respectful of parents regardless of financing. Profits from the event will go to PTA, not the school. We are also requesting ideas for events people may		



	be interested in running or helping with. Events Suggested by Members: Coat Drive Food Drive Movie Night		
IX. Call for Committee Volunteers	List of existing committees in the bylaws that need members: Membership, Budget, and Audit. Proposed committees by Angel Vail: Outreach, translation.		
X. Open Questions	Angel Vail asks Ms. Hametz to comment on traditional winter events. Ms. Hametz: When Assemblywoman Rojas was here a few weeks ago Ms. Hametz brought up the idea of a food drive for Thanksgiving and a coat drive for the winter. Have not heard back yet. Assemblywoman Rojas is working on it. We can also put out a call for donations from families for new or gently used coats for families in need. Angel Vail requests parents who want to join committees to email the PTA directly.	Action Item: Can we have a raffle?	



	General Member Question: Can the PTA fundraise via raffle? Lennart Olsson: We did not have a raffle, we did have a silent auction. Will look into it. General Member Question: Any update on Ms. Thus? Ms Hametz: Coming along nicely, I speak to her daily, sometimes twice a day. She would love to be back as soon as possible. She's included on every email sent out so she's very aware of what's going on on a day to day basis. Not ready to come back yet, but she is making progress. No speculating on a timetable for return.		
XI. Adjournment	Lennart Olsson motion to adjourn. Veronica Sosa seconded.		7:02 PM Eastern



Honor Roll Students

- Adam Anees (1-212)
- Selma Lemsayah (1-204)
- David Molina (1-204)
- Raifa Rahman (1-212)
- Mahi Shah (2-301)
- Valerie Vargas (K-203)
- Josiah Zapata (1-212)



Students of the Month - September

- 3K: Torin Bradley and Kendy Patel
- PK-114: Leela Camp and Yannick Zambrano
- PK-115: Henry Ziedenweber and Aya Rivera
- PK-116: Joshua Franco and Aarushi Khatri
- K-201: Jacob Ng and Safiya Almobin
- K-202: Amy Anees and Afnaad Noor
- K-203: Leah Lozano and Valerie Vargas
- 1-204: Daniel Toala and Sophia Guaman
- 1-211: Aleenah Rahman and Zara Areeba
- 1-212: Maya Iskounen and Adam Anees
- 2-301: Ayaat Bhuiyan and Miran Barotov
- 2-213: Filip Simic and Bethany Samuel
- 2-214: Hudson Anderson and Erick Quinde



Students of the Month - October

- 3K: Elias Lemsayah and Thomas Sarno
- PK-114: Jayson Sherpa and Arabella Castillo
- PK-115: Manuel Moran and Khloe Lozano
- PK-116: Zayed Uddin and Dilashma Dhungel
- K-201: Jewel Shibu and Rayan Uddin
- K-202: Kamilah Barotova and Nathaniel Herrera
- K-203: Audrey Cheng and Ximena Salas Flores
- 1-204: Parker Dong and Leilany Pico
- 1-211: Farhan Haque and Khiet Thai
- 1-212: Siddarth Guachan and Oscar Goodman
- 2-301: Imran Khan and Mahveen Islam
- 2-213: Arhum Hussain and Mahek Islam
- 2-214: Zelaya Herrera and Samantha Orellana



Participant List from Zoom

- AVERY YULIANTO
- D30 Q398pa (Host) -- Lennart Olsson
- DANIEL TOALA
- Angel Vail
- Cheryl Hametz
- AAKAR GURUNG
- Adam Bradley
- Anuradha Bista Khatri
- Christy Gomez
- Danja Xhaxhi
- David Rivera
- Dhruva Patel
- Henry Ziedenweber
- Intune-STDNT-iPad-F6MF...
- Intune-STDNT-iPad-F9FD...
- Intune-STDNT-iPad-GG7D
- iPhone
- iPhone
- Keren's iPhone
- Kunga Sangpo
- LEON GOMEZ
- Lidia Jaramillo
- Lori Sandler
- LUNA VERA
- Marcus Rogan
- Michelle Anchaluisa
- Mohd's iPhone



- Ms. Rivera
- Nathalie Escobedo
- Samuel Ng
- Selma Lemsayah
- Tracey Tribble
- Tsering P.
- Tuli (Udita & Udayan's Mom)
- Veronica Sosa
- Victoria M