

**PTA Meeting Notes**  
**Meeting @6PM**  
**Sept 21, 2022**

**Board Members Present:**

Kate Rubin (Co-President), Dr, Meryem Bencheikh-Ellis (Co-President), Meredith Franco Meyers (Vice President) Regina Thompson (Treasurer) Tamiko Jackson (Co-Secretary) Chloe Lee (Secretary) Avion Joseph (Fundraising Coordinator) Members At-Large: Nicole Clark, Esra Dayani; Principal Samantha Schmoeger, Miguel Negron (AP)

**At least 8 associate members, including a minimum of 2 board members and 6 parent members present; a quorum was reached.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order by Co-President (Middle School), Kate Rubin, at 6pm

**Co-Preseident/ MS.Kate Rubin** [pta@k497.org](mailto:pta@k497.org)

Introduction to the meeting -IB principle is PRINCIPLED

**Principle Samantha Schmoeger update** ( [samantha.schmoeger@k497.org](mailto:samantha.schmoeger@k497.org))

- Staff happy hour @Bees Knee's Provision for current and new staff members sponsored by PTA in a restaurant owned by parents of the BHS school community. Two more scheduled events for middle school and high school to occur and 10% of all sales will go to BHS.
- Officially appointed as Principal of BHS
- Newsletter sent out last week that will be sent out every month
- Goals for this year 3 instructional lenses: culturally relevant pedagogy, cognitive struggle, restorative justice and social emotional learning. Partnership with outward bound and restorative justice coordinator strengthening relationship with students during advisory and class. Preventative methods used to facilitate a conducive learning environment.
- Parent workshops and curriculum night to have discussion with parents and instructional expectations in the classroom.
- Off to a great start students feel excited and upcoming school activities
- Curriculum night September 29th opportunity to go to workshops and choose from menu
- Family academies to be held throughout the year.
- New additions to BHS Family 5 additional teachers new Librarian, additional spanish class, two new math teachers, and multilingual esl teacher

**Introduction of Board Members**

- Co-president Middle School Kate Rubin, Co-President High School Meryem Bencheikh-Eillis, Vice president Meredith Meyers, Regina Thompson, Secretary Chloe

Lee, Co-Secretary Tamiko Johnson, Member at Large Nicole Clark, Fundraising Avion Joseph

**PTA Co-President MS Kate Rubin-** Discusses Support of Teachers in academics and school activities involving families/community

- Happy hour for teachers held for teachers
- PTA supports BHS specifically through academics large portion of budget used for IB training
- Classroom grants for creative learning, Senior Portraits, Afterschool
- Graduation support, career day
- Advocate for school clinic
- Families/Community involvement
- Guest speakers
- Movie nights
- Musical showcase
- Parent socials

**PTA Vice President Meredith Meyers-**Discusses Teacher appreciation

- Holiday parties
- Catered Breakfast/lunch
- Keeping up momentum with teacher and staff appreciation
- Back to school recharge station
- Teacher appreciation week

**PTA Co-President HS Dr. Meryem Bencheikh-Ellis-**Welcome back introduction

- High attendance for 1st PTA importance of participation and involvement in school community
- 1st place Volleyball team achievement
- Helping teams with uniforms
- All meetings being forced to be in person might reduce parent involvement

**PTA Treasurer Regina Thompson-**Balance Sheet review/ Profit and Loss report

- Funding the teacher appreciation
- Discussion of grants
- Auctions
- Book fairs
- School Merchandise support
- Theater and Dance profit from plays
- Amazon smiles contribution of sales to BHS
- Total income over \$71,000

**PTA Co-Treasurer Position open-**  
**Getting involved**

- Fill out parent survey

- Get ready for committees and volunteer opportunities

**Fundraising Coordinator Avion-Fundraising**

- Friday sept. 23: 9am fundraising meeting
- Picking a team for the event
- Collaborate on how to raise funds for BHS

**October 19, 2022- 9am PTA meeting**

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

Sept 28: School Leadership Team-email AP Negrón

Sept 29: Curriculum night, 4:30-7:30pm

Oct 6: 5-6pm HS Night for 8th Grade families

6-7pm Meet & Greet Equity Team

**AP Negrón-discusses parent concerns**

- Ms. Jackie point of contact-Metro Cards & Laptops and attendance
- Advisory meetings for students
- Lunch distribution of metro cards with Ms. Bradley
- ID's will be handed out when forms are completed
- Students will be off campus for lunch
- New ID's updated with new barcodes
- Website has contact sheet for parents with questions and concerns
- PTA conference will be virtual
- Citywide events virtual
- Open house will be in person
- Starting Oct 2nd the rollout of sports activities include track, fitness club, CCM after-school provider
- PSAL volleyball, basketball boys & girls, potential baseball team, girls flag football for Highschool students
- DOE allows any student to participate in the sport in at other highschool that offers the sport deadline approaching and will be sent out
- Konstella used for school communication, Toddle new platform for individual student classes and student grades