

**PTA Meeting Notes  
Meeting @6pm  
November 16, 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, Terri Desai, Esra Dayani; Principal Samantha Schmoeger, Miguel Negrón (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-President/ MS.Kate Rubin** [pta@k497.org](mailto:pta@k497.org)

Introduction to the meeting -IB principle is PRINCIPLED

**Principal Welcome-** [Samantha.Schmoeger@k497.org](mailto:Samantha.Schmoeger@k497.org) [AP.negrón@k497.org](mailto:AP.negrón@k497.org)

- **Student government Representatives will have a post party celebration**
- **Will assist in making decisions around the school**
- **IB learner profile recipients of the month winners celebrated with breakfast**
- **Congratulations to the volleyball team and DT in their win at playoffs**
- **Ms. Butler representing BHS along with Mr. Hyland will attend an art conference in Albany discussing Esra Keen's book making.**
- **College trips are occurring Mr. Raphael and Ms. Whitehead taking students to visit Albany and Binghamton**
- **College celebrations of student accepted into nursing program at St.Francis and a quest bridge scholarship finalist**
- **Thanks to Ms. Jackie Carrier (Student liaison) finishing up the open house and school tour season**

**Parent Coordinator Report- Ms. Sampson**

- **DOE lunch forms request for school funding support**
- **Sign up for parent teacher conference appointments on Konstella and wednesday options if unable to meet during conference**

**CCM After-School Report- Hakeem Duncan Program Director**

- Reintroduction to after-school programs and activities that occur throughout the year.
- Holiday Camp during school closures from 9am-4pm, Trips include visits to sky zone, area 53 exc.. Trips are free of charge
- Outlet for students outside of school work
- Parent's are encouraged to sign up

Toddle presentation- [fahema.patwari@k497.org](mailto:fahema.patwari@k497.org) [patricia.mcnamara@k497.org](mailto:patricia.mcnamara@k497.org)

- Creating an account for Toddle families received an access code
- Logging in to account reviewing the student page
- Overview of grades in progress summary
- Adjusting to the new system
- Assignments submitted on toddle

Co-President Report- Dr. Meryem Bencheikh-Ellis High School  
Kate Dautrich Rubin Middle School

- Successful bake sell
- Fundraising event successful at the Mash Monster Dance
- New Staff French Teacher grades 6-10th grade Ms.Schneider
- Introduction of Ms. Schneider looking for families to host french speaking (Francophone host families for Oct 2023 for students from Dakar, coming for about 2 weeks)[debbie.schneider@k497.org](mailto:debbie.schneider@k497.org)

### Fundraising Report

- Thanks to volunteers
- BHS Monster Mash profit of \$1,586.83
- Successful event for students & the school
- Bake sell profitable results of \$1,498.98
- 30 Days of giving goal of \$49,700
- Support BHS with donations for our School [bhsfundraising@k497.org](mailto:bhsfundraising@k497.org)
- Week one \$20K for IB
- Week two \$15k Joyful engagement theme
- Culinary pies
- School merchandise

### Profit/Loss- Regina Thompson

- November 2021-2022
- Income contributions
- Fundraising
- Amazon smile purchases use BHS School
- Total income assets \$72,000
- Contributions used for school trips and Team sports

### **Ways To Help/PTA Events**

- **Grant writing committee**
- **Donate to 30 Days of giving Nov 1st-30th**
- **Auction committee**
- **Need for Bass Player**
- **December Foley Firs**
- **December 21st 9am PTA Meeting**

**To BE APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP AT December MEETING**