

PTA Meeting Notes
Meeting @6pm
May 2023

Board Members Present:

Dr. Meryem Bencheikh-Ellis (Co-President), Katherine (Treasurer), Meredith Franco Meyers (Vice-President), Avion Joseph (Fundraiser), Tamiko Jackson (Co-Secretary), Samantha Schmoeger (Principal)

At least 8 association 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 (High School), Dr. Bencheikh-Ellis, at 6pm

Principle/Samantha Schmoeger

Updates on the School Year

- EYE TO EYE Program - mentoring students with disabilities. Student with IEPs and assisting with the transition after school.
- EYE TO EYE focuses on the Individual needs and strengths NOT the disability
- City Wide Mine Craft participation. The all girls team made it to the Borough Brooklyn Finals. We will win next year. Thank you Ms. Burns
- Talent Show was a great success
- Students went to Model Congress. Opportunity to meet with Law Makers and experience the process of how Laws are Made
- Restorative Justice- There are 12 peer moderators for next school year 2023-2024. They will be part of the restorative justice team for both MS and HS. They will go through a 3 day training to successfully be peer moderators
- IB Diploma - 90% of the 12th graders took part in the IB Diploma program Exams. Last year it was 30%. A huge jump to 90%. Thank you staff and teachers for putting in the extra time and hours to help them feel comfortable to succeed.
- There are 44 Full Diploma and 27 Coarse candidates for 2023 Seniors
- Last day of school for HS students is June 13, 2023, unless scheduled for regents.
- Trips the school as participated in
- Spy Museum, The Bronx Zoo, Intrepid Museum, American Museum of Natural History, Broadway Play, BAM performance, MoMa, New Amsterdam Theater, Museum of Natural History, Metro Museum of Art
- 2023-2024 Field Trips/planning all grades take 2 trips per semester that are based on community and curriculum building and bonding
- SPORTS - PSAL Baseball Team (H.S) headed to PLAYOFF; Middle School Soccer - 4 wins, 2 ties, 0 loses
- Person Project Presentation @ Brooklyn Navy Terminal for District 15 on May 24
- SCHOOL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES - Teacher Appreciation Week- Great Success THANK YOU PTA
- Prom Boutique, Glow Up Gala, Breakfast for Parents, MYP Step Up Ceremony, DP Gala
- ICT model teams lead by Dr. Karen to coach ICT modeling. Using a format developed at Harvard called DATAWISE. Dr. Karen with assist in helping teachers with Planning, Prepping and Designing Lesson Plans

- Advisory Program- implement more advisory time into students' schedules. outward Bound help create curriculum , kids seek more advise on building skills, and communication
- Safety- The school now has Level 3 Safety Agent Mr. Fredricks. Increase in the number of safety agents to 4. There is now a protocol in place if one calls out, we have a replacement come in
- Whole building safety meeting 1x a month to discuss system procedures and response protocol

Avion/Findraiser

- Please pick up the items or request to send them home with your child. At that point you are responsible for items.
- Fire Sale- still receiving items for auction

Katherine/Treasure

- Update on the PTA Finances; Balance 70,190.00
- Supported 8th grade graduation with 2500\$
- Auction totals not yet available when they are will sent out

Meredith/Vice-President

- Nominating Committee Needed for PTA Elections next month
- Calling all on Parents for positions on the PTA

Co-President/Dr. Meryem Bencheikh-Ellis Motion to approve the PTA minutes from MAY 2023

- Seconded and approved

TO BE APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP AT JUNE 2023 MEETING