February 25, 2021 (5:30pm)

General PTA meeting

Speakers:

Lisa Chan

Principal Hom

Christine Eng

Translator: Jenny Dai

Meeting call to order by Lisa Chan at 5:30pm

1. **Attendance (42)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Principal Hom  Christina Pun (parent coordinator)  Laura Lai ( Teacher)  Melissa Wong ( Teacher)  Lisa Chan  Christine Zeng  Kristie Tso  Susana Gough  Lisa Yeung  Melissa  Maxwell Chin  Kelvin Lo | Joyce Yee  Kevin Low  Angie Guo  Armie Lee  Jenny Dai  Maxwell Chin  Dan Hua Chin  Amy Crisostomo  Susie Lam  Ting Zheng  Hui Hai Lin  Alan Chin |

1. **Principal Hom’s School Report**
2. **Report Cards**:
   1. accessible on child’s MyStudent account.
   2. If families have been unable to view or download, please inform classroom teacher or contact main office.
3. **Weekly Random Covid testing**
   1. limited from roster sent to school each week (28-30 mix of students and staff)
   2. 20% of population only since middle schools are opening
4. **Staff vaccinations**
   1. on-going; some are fully vaccinated
   2. HIPPA: privacy for staff
5. **Health precautions**
   1. For in-person learning, illness, must stay home and let school know. No PK/Kgn. testing in school, positive cases have increased among children.
6. **5 days for Blended students**
   1. PK – Gr. 2: So far going well
7. **Parent Teacher Conference:**
   1. By grades, teachers arranging schedules.
   2. Only on March 4th is half day for blended/full time in school classes.
   3. Remote classes will have half day of ZOOM classes on day grade assigned. (3/1 – 5th; 3/2 – 4th; 3/3 – 3rd; 3/8 – 2nd; 3/9 – 1st; 3/10 – Kgn.; 3/11 – PK)
8. **G & T:**
9. G&T entry into Kgn: (for present in Pre-K students)
   1. No testing
   2. Application only for incoming Kgn.
   3. Opens March 8th🡪 based teacher recommendation 🡪 lottery 🡪 announcement in the summer
10. G&T entry into 1,2,3:
    * 1. based on waitlisted lists
         1. if there is seat available 🡪offer based on DOE waitlist that ended in October
11. Principal Hom: will hold bilingual ZOOM meeting on March 17th to explain process or answer ?s
12. More info to come out; Open House, and webinar
13. If school remains this way because of COVID, need to determine if blended? school conditions? CDC recommendations?
14. **PK application** :
    1. Open Feb. 25 – April 7th
    2. Virtual Open Tours/Q & A – Posted on website, sent to local daycare centers
15. **State testing**:
16. Biden administration announcement to reinstate State test
17. NYS filed waiver (wait for additional guidance from NYC DOE)
18. Remote? Summer? September/October: Don’t know at this point
19. **State Test will not count towards anything.**
20. We do not want our students to cram for anything. We do not want to stress out the kids.
21. 5th grade will be going on 6th grade 🡪 past testing guidelines
22. Please note: Parents can opt out.
23. **NYC Kids Project**:
24. ZOOM puppet show for classes in grades K, 2, 3 & 4 – Parents can join to watch (T1 funds)
25. Kids loved it
26. Learning Zoom process
27. $300/class
28. Pre-K families hoping to arrange for evening presentation
29. **Safety Town Hall Meeting Planning:**
    1. At next PTA meeting on March 25th ZOOM
    2. Student’s Fathers: Lieutenant in Fire Dept and Officer Ong in NYPD (5th Precinct) to discuss Anti-Asian Discrimination and Attacks
    3. Important for 5th graders going to middle school
    4. Partner with ISS to start Parent Coalition 🡪 might invite her to next general meeting
30. **Tea with Ms. Hom:**
    * Ms. Hom will listen to concerns
    * Parents share concerns

* How to return to school in September
* For every Grade
  + Early breakfast and late afternoon Ms. Hom will listen to concerns
  + Parents share concerns
* How to return to school in September
* For every Grade
* Early breakfast and late afternoon

1. **Blue cards:**
   1. Still missing blue cards and media release forms, especially with remote students.
2. ***Officer’s report.*** 
   * Approval of **P.T.A.** January minutes.
     + Approved by: Lisa Yeung; Katie Huang, Jenny Chui, Kristie, Carl Tam, Audrey Low, Alan Chin, Kevin Lo, Christine Eng
   * **Treasurer’s Report 12.31.2020 & Budget**
     + Total balance $50K
     + Earned interest $15.32
     + Total expense:
       - Staff Appreciation $ 1,195.84
       - Communication & insurance $1,304
       - No income coming in
       - - $2,500 balance
     + Approved by: Sophia Zheng, Andrea Zheng, Joyce, Carol Tam, Janet
   * **Book Fair:** 
     + - Virtual Book Fair: March 14- March 27

IV: **Q & A**

* Parent want to look at some virtual enrichment classes from PTA budget
  + Need to look into virtual fundraising
  + Stress on family
  + 501C 🡪 $3000
  + Must do an activity and event: cannot take $ directly from parent
  + Projected funds
  + Title 1 funds: for parent involvement; limited amount of $ for enrichments
  + Friends of Yung Wing
    - not part of PTA
    - parents can write a grant to get funding
    - devoted to serve larger community not just PS124

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ***SLT Parent:*** | ***Grades:*** |
| Ella Lam SLT co-chair and Title 1. Lead | ***Pre-kindergarten and 1st*** |
| Kelvin Lo SLT co-chair | ***Grade 2nd*** |
| Amy Crisostomo -P.T.A. Designee | ***Special Ed/ICT/ELL & Grade 5th*** |
| Sherry Ng | ***Grade 3rd*** |
| Li Li | ***Grade 4th*** |
| Alan Chin | ***Grade Kindergarten*** |
|  |  |

If parents has any concerns regarding grading policy or the curriculum, please feel free to D.M. our officers on WeChat.

Parents can also email [pta@ps124m.com](mailto:pta@ps124m.com) to ask that we add them to our school wide Parent WeChat Group.