PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:
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Meeting commences at 6:36pm
1) PTA Executive Board Welcome (Andrew)
   Co-Presidents: Andrew Allwood and Tiffany Vanderpool
   Vice President: Shilynn Jackson
   Treasurer: Nancy Cashman
   Recording Secretary: Gigi Solis

2) Principal’s Address: (Principal Nick Jurman)
   - Parent Teacher conferences are happening, please set up a time
   - Revised blended model to TWO cohorts: A&C stay as is, B will be split with A&C, C cohort will be called BCohort
   - Week of 11/30 Town Halls to be set up for MS and US separately

3) By-Law change for PTA time to change to Third Tuesday of every month
   Upcoming PTA Meetings: (12/15, 1/23 (due to winter break), 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/15)
   - Cannot vote on this due to lack of quorum
   - Tiffany and Andrew to regroup to notify parents with 10 days notice prior to next PTA meeting and vote to change by-laws

4) Budget Report (Nancy)
   - Request for Direct Drive donations for ANY amount a family can give. Ideally if each family can give $20, it would help
   - Balance at $25,495

5) SLT Report (Nicholas Day and Allyson LeDoux)
   - Jenny Foxe Reports
   - Faculty Report
     - Remote teaching is working well for Razina, she’s getting good feedback from students, she had a virtual dance party which was a success
- 3 New teachers joined SLT: Octavia Slay, Christina Blaze, Chis Schilling
- No guidance on MS or HS applications, Rochelle will get that information out to parents as soon as she gets it
- Christina says this situation is stressful as guidance is continually changing.
- Conversation about video cameras came up as it's difficult to teach but there is the understanding that it's a privacy issue
- Harmony is having a hard time getting to know her students because she's not yet met them in person and it's hard to instruct when you don't know the students.
- Chris says building is safe and enjoying being back in person - it's going well
- (Declan spoke) NHS trying to build something. They have created a google classroom of their own and are trying to get their numbers up. They lost a lot of members after graduation. Struggling getting new members and the interest up. Students are stressed - don't know what exams are happening or when and what they should be preparing for. Want more definitive guidance, but it's getting easier. Students are falling behind because they aren't turning in work and having a hard time managing their time.
- Mental Health Committee preparing contact information forms for families to fill out for participation
- No SGO report
- Big discussion on cameras. Cameras are encouraged but not mandatory to be on. Cameras for teachers and students can cause stress showing inequities. Backgrounds can cause problems with the internet. Having cameras on or off will not affect grades

6) PAC Report (Christine)
- New revisions for Title 1 implementations and policies just released. Being made public to Chairs this evening.
- Principal Jurman, Kathy and Christine hosted the annual Title 1 PAC meeting
- They discussed what the Title 1 Schoolwide Engagement Dollar amount is: $6773 reflecting rollover from last year. It’s representative of 1% of total Title 1 money the school receives. Title 1 schoolwide carryover from last year was $40,000, and allocation for this year is $357,216. Title 1 will make sure that funds for students in temporary housing (aprox $15,200) is spent expeditiously to make sure students have what they need to support their learning. For parent and family engagement, Allyson and Christine are brainstorming ideas to support families with IEP learning.
- PTA Presidents are no longer allowed to serve as PAC officers. No officers of the PAC can be DOE Staff Members. Asking Parent ADvisory councils to use a "willingness to serve form" to seek out specific representation for each constituency (i.e. US parent with IEP, LS parent with IEP, ELL, etc.) to better know how to run the meetings.

7) Fundraising (Shilynn)
- N/A

8) BREC Mt. Sinai School Health Center (Dr. Bino, MD / Dr. Arden, MD) to speak to families about the clinic in the building and services they provide
- Mt. Sinai Pediatric Care services in building are staffed with 2 pediatricians, 2 medical techs and a social worker. They do sports physicals, manage chronic health conditions and are the liasons
b/w specialists and primary care physicians. They offer age appropriate reproductive health services
- To access care: A consent form must be signed by the parents or of age teen
- Open from 8:30-3:30, no out of cost or co-pays required
- Physicians are also remotely available via TeleHealth
- Due to Covid, appointments are required

9) Additional business / Questions
   - (Kathy) First PAC meeting Tuesday, 12/8 from 9:30-10:30 via Zoom
   - Kathy & Dana (our Social Worker) want to have an open Zoom meeting from 9-10 for a tea/coffee time for any open conversations
   - We have NY Cares coming in to help with SAT and College Essay Help
   - Gayle Brewer gave us $3500 for to work with Cooper Union Architect Seniors for portfolio help
   - Update to iPower (Liz Amado) - we have a grant from $5000, but we can't do theater performances. Working on redesigning the program to be virtual using Maya Gratis. Will start in January

10) Adjournment
    - Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm