

**PS 165**  
**PTA General Meeting**  
**Minutes April 20, 2021**  
**Conference Call 5:00pm**

**Call to Order:** Tara called to order at 6:00pm.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Alex motioned to approve March minutes, Larry seconded. March 2021 General Meeting PTA minutes are approved.

**Principal's Report (from 165 Town Hall)**

- 5 Days of In-Person – April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Logistics
    - No more Blended learning, all In-Person students are 5 days; Fully Remote remain remote.
    - Student Special – Adding Art w/ a Long-Term Substitute
    - Weekly Covid testing will continue as usual
    - All students will still have a teacher they have been working with this year
    - Each class has an individual plan that was created with the teachers.
    - Each teacher will reach out to families to let them know about changes.
    - New classroom spaces have been created.
  - DOE & CDC Guidelines
    - Students must be 3 feet apart now, and 6 feet apart when eating.
  - Arrival and Dismissal
    - Entry
      - 8:00am for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> – under scaffolding, straight to indoor gym
      - 8:00am for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – line up in early childhood yard
      - 8:05am for 1<sup>st</sup> grade in yard
      - 8:10am for K in yard
      - 8:15am for Pre-K in yard
      - Please drop off your child quickly and move away from the area
    - Dismissal
      - 1:20pm for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in yard
      - 1:25pm for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in yard
      - 1:30pm for 1<sup>st</sup> grade in yard
      - 1:35pm for K and Pre-K in yard
      - If families are late, they must wait until 1:35 to pick up child
    - Be prepared for inclement weather and a longer dismissal
    - Safety at Entry and Dismissal

- Important for everyone to remain safe and all students and adults need to be wearing masks when coming into the school.
  - Maintain social distancing and do not gather at the entrance.
  - Read the health screener carefully each time as the questions change. Note if your child was around others with Covid symptoms, not only if they have been diagnosed.
  - Take your child's temperature every morning.
  - Notify the school if your child does not pass the health screener.
- Outdoor Time for Students
  - Students will go outside with their classroom teacher for 20 mins per day
  - Students will be inside for inclement weather.
  - Gym and Music will be indoors to accommodate the classroom outdoor time.
- Covid-19 Contact 165 if...
  - Your child has any C-19 symptoms, tests positive, has been exposed to C-19, your family is quarantining, or your child does not pass the health screening.
  - 165 will need a copy of the positive test result.
- State Assessments
  - ELA Schedule
    - Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Cohort A
    - Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Remote and 12:1:1
    - Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Cohort B
  - Remote Students Procedures for Entry
    - Please follow the guidelines sent by the school.
- Communication
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Point of contact: your child's teacher
  - Parent Coordinator: Ms. Brenes (fully remote)
    - parentcoordinator@robertesimon.org
    - 24 hour window to respond depending on the inquiry
  - PS165info email is not being monitored – only used for mass communication.
  - Specific questions should go to the teacher first.
- Enrollment
  - K initial offers – offer acceptance deadline April 30, 2021
  - 2020-2021 Waitlists
  - Virtual Welcome to K and Virtual Meet the Teacher Event will be Planned
  - Please let the school know as soon as possible on acceptance, as there is a waitlist.

- Parent surveys going out soon – please fill them out so the school can show how parents like the school and give feedback.
- Graduations
  - Outdoor ceremonies
    - Pre-K Stepping Up
    - K Stepping Up
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation
  - Ceremonies will be small and take place by class; a limited number of people may attend due to social distancing measures.
  - Remote students will be invited to participate
  - PTA Volunteers to Decorate the Large Yard.
- Minecraft Challenge
  - DOE issued a building challenge to students to explore sustainability and equity.
  - Flyer going out tomorrow with link to more information.
- STEM Night – this Friday
- Q&A
  - Will there be early breakfast drop off again?
    - No, gates won't open until 8. Breakfast will still be in the classrooms.
  - The new outdoor time will not lengthen the day.
  - What happens if a family is quarantined?
    - During that period, the school will try to place the child in remote class. This is only in medical situations. A family going on vacation cannot have their child attend remotely, they will be considered absent.
    - The DOE has changed the requirements for closure to 4 cases.
  - Will the In-School students have less screens?
    - This will depend on teacher to teach instruction. There will be less screens where possible.
  - Why is the school day remaining shortened?
    - This is still a DOE requirement.
  - Larger classes will be broken up. Teachers will be contacting parents with their plans.
  - Teachers will be contacting students moving into in-person about what they need.

## **Treasury Report**

- Please see attached spreadsheet.

- Total Income in March: \$7,931.05
  - Corp Match: \$2,200
  - Facebook Fundraising Check: \$5,718.50
- Total Expense in March: \$0.00
- Balance on Hand 1/31/20 - \$76,000

## **President's Report**

- PTA Committees
  - Communications – Next Meeting: 4/21 8:35am
  - Culture – Next Meeting: 5/14 9:00am
  - Fundraising
    - Currently planning Fun Run, School Photos and Book Fair
    - Next Fun Run meeting: 4/27 Evening
  - Literacy Campaign - 4/23 8:30am
  - STEAM – Planning STEM Night
  - Wellness – Postponed to 2021/2022
- Upcoming Events
  - STEM Night – 4/23
  - Literacy Night – May 21
  - Teacher Appreciation Week
    - May 3-7; Look for details in PTA Newsletter
  - Picture Day – May 19 and 21
  - Virtual Book Fair - May 17-31
  - Fun Run – May 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>
- Picture Day
  - May 19 and 21
  - Outside – covid protocols will be in place
    - No group pictures; collage of classes will be made
  - Remote Kids: signup for specific time between 1:30-3:30 either day
  - K – opportunity to take graduation pictures as well
- Book Fair
  - Hosted by Scholastic 17-31<sup>st</sup>
  - Available to all, in-person and remote
- Fun Run
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> register for a race, choose where/when you run

- Post your photos and share your results
- May 22 – meet up in a park, run or walk outside together
- T-Shirts are available!
  
- Literacy Campaign
  - Slogan: Read Out Loud / Lead Out Loud
  - Coming soon:
    - Literacy Hub
    - Book Drop – 2 books sent home to each student
  
- District 3 DOE News
  - Lucas Liu from CEC3 here tonight
    - CEC 3 Multi-Lingual Committee hosting a Dual Language showcase
  - 2021 Community Education Council
    - Voting May 1-11
  - Weekend Wellness – April 24 – Community Resiliency
  
- School Community
  - Saturday Virtual Programming – collaboration with YANY Afterschool and Bronx Zoo Wildlife Superheros – 5/1 at 10:45am
  - Flyers going out soon
  
- PS 165 Online Reviews:
  - Sites: Google Reviews, Insideschools, School Digger, Great Schools
  - Pre-K and K season
  - Great way to support our school.
  - Also, please use Amazon Smile.
  
- Newsletter: If you would like to stay connected and up-to-date and don't already receive the PTA Newsletter, please sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/ps165pta>  
(Please double check your spam folder!)

### **School Leadership Team (SLT) Report**

- Next SLT Meeting: May 10, 2:30-4:00
- Parents: Reminder to check announcements in Google Classroom!
- New DL Program to support your child in continuing Spanish language development
  - Contact your teacher to sign up
- To observe a meeting, fill out the Google form found at the website by 11:00am the morning of the meeting for a zoom link.

- SLT STEM Night planning team – STEM Night is on 4/23, 4-6pm
- SLT Literacy Planning Team – meeting 4/26 at 1:50pm, Lit Night is on 5/21 4-6pm

### **Building Safety Council**

- Last meeting was April 13.
- Covid Updates
  - Updated social distancing from 6 to 3 feet; 6ft for eating
  - Every classroom continues to open windows and use air purifiers
- Emergency Drills: 4 remaining for the year.
- School Safety Agent now present at dismissal.
- Trash build-up on 108<sup>th</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> streets: Contact 311 if you see any issues.
- Construction continues six days a week after school hours.
  - Scaffolding is to be removed soon.
  - Stonework beginning soon.
- Teachers Union - no current concerns to report.

### **Graduation Night**

- Volunteers needed for the parent team from the Pre-K, K, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade parents.

Next PTA General Meeting is Thursday, May 27, after the Town Hall.

**Adjournment** – 6:31pm.