



Parent Association Meeting Minutes

Sep 29, 2022

6:05 - 7:10 PM

PA Board Introductions

Co-Presidents: Carly Maready and Natalie DuBois

Treasurer: Allison James

Recording Secretary: Patricia Del Pilar

Parent Coordinator: Melquis Remy

PA Meeting Details

PA meetings are held the last Thursday of the month, at 6pm.

All PA meetings will be posted on ClassDojo.

The Zoom link will stay the same for PA meetings this year:

<https://ccny.zoom.us/j/88909384752>

School Leadership Openings

We need to fill important vacancies!

Elections will be held next month (Oct. 27 @ 6pm) for:

- Translating Secretary- Interpret during PA meetings, for Spanish-speaking families
- School Leadership Team (SLT) members

School Leadership Team Overview

The SLT is a team who makes educational policies for our school. This means we come together to discuss our school's educational programs and its impact on our kids' achievement. We also help develop our school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) by setting academic goals for our school.

The SLT consists of at least 10 members; 5 are parents and the other 5 is made up of the principal and school staff. It's a great way to learn how our school operates and understand DOE policy.

SLT meetings are monthly, for about 2 hours, and there is a small stipend at the end of the year.

The PA is open to all parent comments, questions and concerns. Please email us at pa@thehamiltongrangeschool.org or send us private messages on ClassDojo and we will voice all concerns, anonymously.

Upcoming Events

10/6- PA Happy Hour at The Wallace from 5:30pm until whenever you feel like leaving. The Wallace is located on 149th and Broadway.

10/20- Coffee with the Principal: HG's library at 8am

10/27- Virtual PA Meeting @ 6pm. We will be holding elections at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The PA currently has **\$15** in our bank account.

We need to **fundraise** this year!

We discussed a possible subcommittee to spearhead our fundraising efforts.

Are you interested??? Let us know!

Our kids came up with the following **fundraising ideas**:

1. Bake sale
2. Car wash
3. Talent show
4. Service day
5. Movie night
6. Fundraising dance
7. Trivia night for parents
8. Student/Parent race, where students and their parents race together, against others and the winner would get a prize. Prizes could include a week without uniform, a week without a phone pouch or something along those lines.

Parent Questions and Concerns

New parents are feeling disconnected:

Please come to our PA events and reach out to the principal and teachers on Class Dojo. The school shares monthly newsletters about what's happening in each grade/subject area.

Lunch seating:

At the beginning of the transition (class to cafeteria or recess to cafeteria), students have to sit with their class for attendance. Once attendance has been taken, students are free to sit with their friends from other classes.

Snacking in classrooms:

Unfortunately, there is a no eating policy in classrooms because of rodents. Students can eat breakfast from 7:40-8AM , in the school cafeteria. If a child is hungry they can ask an adult and they will get them a snack to eat in the cafeteria.

NYCSA hasn't updated my child's grade level:

The DOE has been updating accounts and hopefully you are seeing the right grade level listed for your child.

High School Applications:

Changes were made to the application process. The 8th grade guidance counselor, Ms. Matos, will be holding informational meetings for parents to answer any questions you may have about applications.

Pupil Path isn't working:

The DOE ended its contract with Pupil Path. We will be using a program called "Schedula", which will be user friendly. Right now the platform is being updated with student schedules, grades and attendance, so hopefully it will be shared with us very soon!

Spanish Language Proficiency Test:

As of right now, we don't have the SLP at our school. If we did, the students in the dual language class could receive a HS credit for Spanish 1.

Clubs:

This year, clubs are optional. Students can make a choice to be in a club during the day, where they will be pulled from their regular program to participate in the club of their choice. Students will get to explore their interests with others who are really interested in the same topics.