

PS 165
PTA General Meeting
Draft Minutes January 28, 2021
Conference Call 6:00pm

Call to Order: Rodney called to order at 5:48pm.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Rodney motioned to approve November minutes, Monica seconded. December 2020 General Meeting PTA minutes are approved.

Principal's Report (from 165 Town Hall)

- School Covid Testing
 - All patients that provided contact info will receive an email with their information the lab and a phone call from SOMOS Community Care.
 - If patient is not contacted within 72 hours, please visit somosny.com or call 833-SOMOSNY btw 8:00am to 8:00pm Monday-Friday.
 - If patient is still unable to get results, contact the NYC Public School Covid-19 Testing result hotline at 646-614-3028.

- 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.
 - Take your child's temperature every morning.
 - Notify the school if your child does not pass the health screener.

- 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.

- Specials Classes
 - Specials classes in-person: Performing Arts, Phys Ed, Comp Sci.
 - Specials for remote students: Visual Arts, Move to Improve Phys Ed.
 - Ms. Lisa is developing an after-school program for visual arts.

- Middle School Applications
 - All D3 Middle Schools presented to 5th Grade students.

- Middle School App Deadline: Feb 9, 2021; visit ps165nyc.org for more info.
- Parent Workshops
 - Parent workshops were held by teachers for K-5 families.
 - Pre-K Parent Workshop is on Feb 3.
 - Focus: Supporting your child in literacy and math.
- NYC Student Accounts
 - All families are asked to set up their NYC my student account which allows you to view your child's grades, report cards, attendance history, test scores and much more information.
 - This is different than your MySchools Account.
 - PS165 will get in touch with parents to help them sign up.
- NY Hall of Science
 - Partnership with NY Hall of Science
 - Virtual Experiments for each class Feb 1 – Feb 10.
 - Pre-K & K: Light & Shadows
 - 1st & 2nd: Animal Adaptations
 - 3rd – 5th: Science of Sports
 - Teachers will share lists of suggested materials with remote students.
 - YANY after school: Wow, Science!
- Family Income Financial Form
 - All Families: Please complete the Family Income Financial Form
 - Completion of form affects school funding. The school's budget is heavily reliant on having this form filled out by all families. 165 is a Title 1 school and this form will continue that designation, which is vital for 165 funding.
 - The form can be completed on the website:
<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>
 - Questions: Email Yadira Brenes parentcoordinator@robertesimon.org
- After School
 - YMCA – still slots open, but very limited.
 - YANY Cycle 1 ends Feb 4; students will be asked if they want to change their activities for Cycle 2.
- Stay Connected
 - www.ps165nyc.org
 - PS165 Facebook Group

- PTA WhatsApp Covid-19 Group – email pta@ps165nyc.org
- Q&A
 - Q: Were the Parent Workshops recorded?
 - A: No, but teachers have been posting the slides on their google classrooms.
 - Q: The classrooms are very cold because the windows are open. Will they be closed on very cold days?
 - A: Windows must be kept open; students should dress in layers to stay warm.
 - Q: What happened with remote Specials?
 - A: In-person Specials Teachers are not allowed to teach remote classes, so changes needed to be made.
 - Q: Is there a guidance counselor available to discuss middle school applications?
 - A: Yes, Carol Ortiz, with support from Ms. Brienens.

Treasury Report

- Please see attached spreadsheet.
- Received donations of \$5,132.21
- Balance on Hand 12/31/20 - \$70,369.90
- Thank you to all the parents who donated to the “Thank you to Teachers” effort, they were very appreciative. Each teacher and staff member got a \$50 gift card.

President’s Report

- 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!)
- PTA is sponsoring the New York Hall of Science in all grades this Feb 2021.
 - School day sessions with teachers and staff.
 - YANY after school programs
 - Fundering for this program came from the Giving Tuesday campaign.
- After school sessions online.

- Parent University is a course registration and management system where NYC families can get free training on a wide range of topics.
 - Parent U serves all families with 175 courses from early childhood through adulthood, and seeks to educate and empower them as partners and advocates.

- District DOE News
 - The end of D2 priority for high school admissions.
 - Middle school admissions lotteries for Sep 2021.
 - This year is the last for G&T testing.

- Movie Night Feb 13, 2021 at 10:00am
 - Parents must return permission forms so PTA can provide the link.

- Plexiglass barriers arriving next week.

School Leadership Team (SLT) Report

- Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month from 2:30pm to 4:00pm.
 - Parents should contact teacher chair Sara Stone for a zoom link to silently observe the meeting.

- SLT Minutes will be made available for publication on school website after they are approved at the following month's SLT meeting.

- Students should have received their MyOn information to join the site.

- Attendance is currently not a CEP goal.

- Next meeting is Feb 8, 2:30-4:00.

Building Safety Council

- Last meeting was Jan 12. School Construction Authority was not able to attend.

- Construction timeline is for completion by Feb 2022.

- Teachers Union - no current concerns to report.

Q&A

- Q: What is happening with the funding of capital projects?
 - A: Principal Castellano is meeting with SCA and DSF and Gail Brewer's reps – there might not in fact be any funding because of all the cuts in the city. School is still submitting an application though just in case. Funding can only be for existing projects, nothing new.

Next PTA General Meeting is Thursday, February 25, after the Town Hall.

Adjournment – 6:06pm.