

PS 165
PTA General Meeting
Minutes October 21, 2020
Zoom Conference 6:30pm

Call to Order: Paula called to order at 6:33pm.

Welcome

- PTA Meetings are every month, usually the third Wednesday. It is a chance for parents to gather and get information on the school, hear from the principle, the parent coordinator, SLT, etc.
- The PTA is excited to be able to move forward with new programs from our fundraising efforts: Feldman Grant of 10K for STEAM improvement, November Facebook Giving Tuesday raised about 10K for use in the school.
- We have committees that we would love for new parents to join: Fundraising, STEAM, Communications, Culture, Wellness, Operations, and more.
- Community Representatives are a newer roll that offers parents the chance to be part of the PTA Board without going through elections. Reps are on emails and the WhatsApp and can help out where they are able in their own time frame. The current Board is made up of eight Officers and twelve Community Reps.
- 165 is a community-focused school that prides itself on diversity and inclusion.

Building Safety Council

- Meets once a month and includes UFT reps, school construction authority, Principal Castellano and Mott Hall's principal. From this month, 165 will have seven drills before the end of this year and four more next year: fire, evac, lockdown, etc. The school will send information home on the procedures.
- After School ends at 4:30pm. Everyone must leave the school by 5:00pm for cleaning and construction.
- Timeline for school construction: completion is now aimed for Summer 2021. A half crew is working right now and cleaning procedures also slow things down. All stone work is being checked so they don't have to come back if any problems are discovered.

Principal's Update (Ms. Scanlon)

- Covid Testing taking place at the school for students 1st to 5th grade. Nasal swab test. Results will be available soon.
- Build independence with your child. Parents shouldn't correct everything, so teachers can see areas that they need to focus on with the students.
- Substitute Teacher interviews for more blended remote teachers are ongoing. Blended remote teachers are now in for Kindergarten and 1st grade.
- Drop-Off Times: 2nd through 5th enters at 8:00am, 8:05 is 1st, 8:10 is K, 8:15 is PreK. Late children need to be signed in. Dismissal Times are 1:20 is pick up for 2nd to 5th, 1:25 is 1st, 1:30 K to PreK
- 165 is offering meals for families, students and adults.
- 400 Students are still enrolled in the school; A cohort is 80 students; B cohort is 75. Families can sign up next week to return to in-person school starting in November. Next chance to sign up for the hybrid model is in January and then again in March.

PTA Board Officer Elections

President

Nominees: Rodney Mendez
Tara Parsons

Elected by Ballot: Rodney Mendez
Tara Parsons

Vice President

Nominees: Alice Neff
Matt Porter

Elected by Ballot: Alice Neff
Matt Porter

Treasurer:

Nominees: Zarina Zakirova
Luca Passaleva

Elected by Ballot: Zarina Zakirova
Luca Passaleva

Recording Secretary:

Nominees: Jason Yarn
Susan Anton

Elected by Ballot: Jason Yarn
Susan Anton

School Leadership Team (SLT) Elections

Tara, Mary Margaret, Ann Marie are on the SLT right now.

Two parent seats are open.

Nominees: Monica Soto - 20
Manda Magee - 12
Cathy Cao - 9
Nildania Perez - 16

Elected by Ballot: Monica Soto
Nildania Perez

Community Representatives (PTA Board)

Larry Lee	Ros Pereira
Liz Yockey	Fatima Sowid
Emily Smith	Jaime Cunningham
Christina Cooksey	Nildania Perez
Monica Soto	Mary Margaret Gilliam
Paula Moss	Cathy Cao

Culture Committee Update

- November 2 – potential date for next meeting.
 - Can people do pre-work meeting or is after work easier?
- First meeting will focus on community development opportunities and solicit feedback from parents on what equity issues they want the committee to work on.
- Exploring workshops with the school for students on anti-racism.

Adjournment – 7:33pm.