



## AGENDA

MS54 PTA Executive Meeting

June 8 @ 7:00 PM, Zoom Mtg

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### ELECTION (7:00 - 7:30)

(~44 attendees)

- Executive Board Elections. Candidates:
  - Co-Presidents (Larry and Lee)
  - Co-Treasurers (Ann Rosenberg, Alekandra Lokshina)
    - Rachel Polimeni - new nominated from the floor (co assistant Treasurer)
  - VP of Communications (Marni Aarlev, Yun Joo Shin)
  - VP of Fundraising (Colleen Welker)
  - Co-Recording Secretary (Denise Broady)
  - 8th grade rep - Sandra Temko
  - Equity - Nidania Perez
  - Wellness - Alison Gardy

**EB Voting Results: 97.4% YES and 2.6% No.**

- **SLT Elections. Candidates:**
  - Dimitra Koutsantoni
  - Erika Teasley Linnick
  - Nomination from the floor: Yael Swica
  - A fourth will be voted in the Fall

**SLT Voting Results: 100% YES**

- **Family Healing Ambassador (new position created by the DOE)**
  - Alison Gardy

**Voting Results: 100% YES**

- **Results will be approved at the General PTA meeting up next**

## GENERAL MEETING

### Call to Order & Minutes (7:30 - 7:35)

- ~41 Attendees
- Approval of May '21 PTA minutes. Voting Results:

### Presidents' Report (7:35 - 7:45)

- Elections Recap
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  - PTA Exec Board
    - Congrats to the new Executive Board members, SLT Members, Family Healing Ambassador (noted above)
    - Especially thrilled to be welcoming new board members representing the other areas of parent leadership + advocacy, Equity + Wellness. Very appreciative of Marni, Judy, Nildania, Alison + Larry's leadership to make it happen.
    - Special TY to Juhi Chawla for her years of treasury service to MS54
    - Thank you to Tekla White for serving as Recording Secretary this year; you helped keep the executive board machine running smoothly this year
    - Bon voyage to our graduating parents, Kyle Clayton + Marianna Crespi; your efforts + insights have been invaluable and I hope that our paths cross again!
    - Remaining Openings will be up for election in the Fall
      - Assistant Treasurer (2)
      - Co-VP of Fundraising
      - Co-Recording Secretary
      - G7 Rep
      - SLT (Fall Election)
- EOY Events
  - Today was 6th Grade Field Day!
  - End of Year Teacher Lunch was today
  - Incoming Family Welcome Tomorrow Night
  - Student Talent Show - June 10
  - Seventh Grade Big Hill Meetup on June 19
  - Graduation: June 16 @ 4:30
  - SLT Update
    - Testing went well with about 500 kids taking the state tests
    - Teachers trying to do more outside when kids are in person
    - Significant # of kids who have NXs to resolve before EOY - v. 20 in a normal year, but teachers are getting these resolved
    - SHSAT - 219 took test; 127 got offers (v 103 last year)
    - Planning for Next Year. Orientation - will be for all grades since so many kids haven't been in the building at all or not in a long time
- Fundraising Update
  - 54 for 54 was the biggest fundraiser of the year bringing in \$12K. Want to thank our biggest overall fundraisers
    1. [Dr. Elster!](#)
    2. [Mr. Bergen's Homeroom](#)
    3. [Homerooms 6B8 + 6B9](#)
    4. [Team McEvoyagers](#)
    5. [Mr. Dickey's Class](#)

Our Top Fundraising Family was [Goldbergs for MS54](#).

Our Top Individual Fundraisers were [Alison Gardy](#) + [Lee Uehara](#).

Thank you to everyone who participated or donated to this effort!

- End of Year Teacher Gifts

- Will be the same as holiday giving - collection digital through Venmo/Paypal/Zelle
- Will distribute to teachers the last week of school
- Safety Update
  - All usual fire drill/lockdown drills completed
  - PPE in good shape, even got more air purifiers recently
  - COVID Testing going smoothly - 20% of students/40% of adults
- CEC/President's Council Update
  - CEC Election Results will be announced on June 10
  - Focused on updating middle school social distancing guidelines
  - New Family Healing position - MS54 participating (newly elected position this evening)

### **Principal's Report (7:45 - 7:55)**

- Thank you and sad to bid you all farewell! Appreciate all your commitments
- Thank you for sponsoring the faculty lunch
- Lots of options for DOE summer programs (check out the DOE website). There are mandatory, and recreational opportunities
- Please complete the school survey! It is very important!
- We are planning for a full return in Fall 2021 (5 days, full schedule). Committed to giving your children the full Booker T experience!
- Thank you all for your patience and support this year!

### **Treasurer's Report (7:55 - 8:00)**

- Budget Update
  - Reviewed attached budget = \$102k net income (better than budget)
  - Annual Appeal = \$225k actual (versus \$243k budget) - came very close! Reduced back to \$200k for 2021-2022
  - Grant Status - No new news on the city budget. Still waiting to hear back. Transitioning grant writing to Jonathan Cater for next year.

### **Community Updates (8:00 - 8:15)**

- Fundraising - Year End Review. Made \$41k net for the year! Biggest fundraisers were 54x54, Broadway Night, Turkey Trot, Teacher Talent Show, etc.
- Grade Rep Check In -
  - 6th Grade Field Day was a big success -- 200+ people attended! Thank you for volunteering!
  - 7th Grade Kite Flying in Riverside also a big success. Another get together planned for the last week of school
  - Equity Team - June is LGBTQ Pride Month as well as Immigrant Heritage Month.
- Wellness Committee - One Lunch Initiative is going well! Food Drive was a huge success - families will get emailed with all of it and whatever is left will be donated to the food bank at ascension church.

**Our Year in Review - SLIDES - So many great events and volunteers! Thank you!**

**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!**