



AGENDA

MS54 PTA General Meeting

November 9, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m., Zoom Mtg

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- **Welcome, Introductions**

- Welcome - Quorum reached at 8:03pm.
- Approved September PTA General Meeting minutes.
- Approved October PTA General Meeting minutes.

- **Principal's Report**

- Vaccination site at school on 11/9/2021. Successfully vaccinated approximately 40 students. On 11/15/2021, Ryan Health Center will also provide vaccinations to everyone. Must make an appointment. More information provided on Ryan's Health Center website.
- Thanked the PTA for providing professional development on mindfulness.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week. Must sign up. Slots are limited.
- NY State Test Scores are posted on student accounts.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Board approved the following expenditures:
 - Printer and ink for treasurers to print checks;
 - Custom thank you cards for Annual Appeal donors;
 - Sound and audio equipment to conduct hybrid meetings;
 - After school ping pong class;
 - Menstruation Station (students will be able to obtain menstruation supply kits in discreetly marked classrooms on each floor); and
 - Special yearlong seminar for Ms. Cruz.

- **Safety Update**

- Two classrooms closed due to covid quarantine.
- Safety Agents: Private security and Dads on Duties are not options due to regulations regarding persons permitted to be in the school building. Will provide contact info so parents can appeal to DOE for additional safety agents.
- Fire drills: Four of seven fire drills performed to date.

- **SLT Update**

- Next meeting will be held remotely on 11/12/2021, 7:20am.

- **CEC Update**

- CEC school liaisons have been assigned. Dennis Morgan is the liaison for Booker T.
- In lieu of the monthly Superintendent Cafe, CEC3 will host a Brilliant NYC Event on 11/15/2021 at 5:30pm. The Brilliant NYC initiative is the DOE's new curriculum to replace G&T, which will be expanded to all elementary schools. The purpose of the CEC3 event is to gather parent input.



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- The Universal Mosaic Curriculum will be available to all schools by Fall of 2023. This is a curriculum developed by the DOE to provide a rigorous, inclusive, affirming, and standards-aligned K-12 English Language Arts and Math curricula by New York City educators for New York City public schools, to be available to all schools in fall 2023. Register for the next parent engagement session to be held on November 13, 15, or 16, 2021. Register: <https://learndoe.org/mosaiccurriculum/>
- **Teacher Update**
 - Art: There is a new art teacher.
- **After School Update**
 - Soccer coaches are meeting on 11/9/2021 to schedule the season. Girls team had a 6-1 season.
 - Basketball team for boys meeting 11/9/2021. 15 players were selected.
 - Volleyball is a coed program of 50 students.
 - Asian American Association (A3)
 - First meeting was held on 11/8/2021 at 8am.
 - Bubble Tea Social will be held on 11/24/2021 at 3:15pm. RSVP at zipkin@ms54.org.
- **Grants + Fundraising + Annual Appeal Updates**
 - Grants
 - Capital budget awarded grants for MS54. Next step: will determine status.
 - Deadline to request grants for next year is February 2021.
 - Fundraising
 - Pie Drive: Sold 236 pies, which is an increase from last year, raising \$6000 gross.
 - Family Portrait: proceeding well.
 - Turkey Trot
 - Turkey Trot Shirt Sale: Raised \$550. Shirt will arrive on 11/13/2021 and will be distributed in homerooms.
 - Turkey Trot period is 11/13-30/2021. Cost is \$20 per adult; free for 17 y.o. and younger.
 - People interested in doing the Turkey Trot together can meet on 11/27/2021 for an informal walk and run.
 - Charleston Wrap: \$254 in sales to date. Sale period ends on 11/15/2021.
 - The Fundraising Committee will hold a remote meeting on 11/12/2021 at 9am. The topic of the meeting will be the spring event.
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 - Holiday Candle Sale: Polled members to gauge interest in selling Hanukkah offerings (e.g., candles, chocolate).
 - Annual Appeal
 - Goal is \$200k. Collected \$30k donations to date.
 - Working on the Annual Appeal website. Website will contain a [link](#) to check for company matching and mailing address for donations by check: PTA of MS54, Booker T. Washington at 103 W 107th St NY NY 10025.



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- **Community Updates**

- MS 54 website - check for info on school calendar, high school, etc.
- School newsletter is distributed on Fridays at 5pm.
- Seeking a class parent for 804.
- Halloween dog event: Attended by 33 people.
- Columbia-Harvard football game: Sold 49 tickets. While not a fundraiser, this was a great community event.
- NYC Marathon: Two families met in the Bronx to cheer on runners.
- School Tour: Second school tour will be held on 11/23/2021 at 5pm. [RSVP](#) is required. Contact co-presidents@ms54pta.org for further info.
- Wellness
 - Workshop with Dr. Vijayeta Sinh on *How to Take Care of Yourself While Still Taking Care of Your Family* will be held on 11/10, 2021. Contact wellness@ms54.org for further info.
 - Wellness Walks led by Allison Gardy will continue through March. Check the newsletter for further info or contact wellness@ms54.org.
- Holiday Gift Drive: Serves families in need. Ann McIntosh Pejovich will distribute a gift list on 11/15/2021.
- Equity Team
 - Next meeting will be held on 11/23/2021 at 7pm. Contact equity@ms54pta.org for further info.
 - Native American Heritage Month: November is National Native American Heritage Month. Families are invited for a meetup at the National Museum of the American Indian on 11/11/2021 at 11am. All families are welcome and there is no cost to participate. All participants 12 years and older are required to be vaccinated against Covid-19 to visit the museum. There is room for two more people; contact equity@ms54.org for further info.
- Grade Rep Check-In
 - 8th - Turkey Trot Meetup on 11/20/2021 at 1pm. Meet at the Central Park Reservoir. Contact 8thgraderep@ms54pta.org with suggestions and any questions.
 - 7th - not present.
 - 6th - not present.
- After School Update

- **Unfinished Business**

- Would like volunteers with experience with SMS apps to help find a texting system as an alternative communications to parents. App must be able to be used by school administration and must be approved by the DOE.
- Would like a volunteer to act as a liaison with the building on 108th Street. Construction on the building is complete. The purpose of this volunteer would be to maintain a relationship with the building for community service opportunities.



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Remaining General PTA Meetings:

December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

January 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.