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MS54 PTA General Meeting February 8, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m., Zoom Mtg

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• Welcome, Introduction

- Welcome
- o Approval of January PTA minutes Approved

Principal's Report

- Covid infections are decreasing at school; students will be provided with a covid test to be taken prior to returning to school following the mid-winter break; students who have tested positive within 90 days will not be provided a covid test
- Report cards will be released week of February for second marking term
- Jupiter will be closed temporarily for two weeks in February to abate student stress about grades;
 parents were encouraged to wait a week before providing feedback to school; early parent feedback
 mostly related to parents managing student work load

• Presidents' Report

- Successful Dumpling Drive
- o Several events planned for this month, see below.
- Bylaws revision coming up need volunteers
- Nominating committee needed

Safety Update

- Student disruptions have decreased overall; majority of incidents are due to a small number of students; some face suspensions
- Two aides will be added whose primary function will be to monitor hallways during class transitions
- Additional safety agents will be added
- Drills: one lockdown drill by March 14th; eight drills of twelve have been completed
- o PARENTS:
 - Continue to tell your child to wear their masks properly
 - Please tell your child to clean up after themselves and to throw away litter

SLT Update - Andy Weinstein

Next meeting will be held February 11, 7:20am, in-person and via zoom. Any member of the MS54 community who wishes to observe the meeting may email slt-cochairs@ms54pta.org in advance.

• CEC/PC Update - Lucas Liu

- CEC3 Business & Calendar Meeting, Feb 9, 2022 6:30 PM
 https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsfumorDooHNZlibLrJDFs_Dx83OMQCNGa
- H.S. Report, Deborah Kross, Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS) discussed recent changes to high school admissions policy

Grants

- Meeting with MBPO Feb 8th at 11am online; will submit grant app for sound treatment of chorus room
- Meeting w/ Council Member Abreu is Feb 10th at 9 AM at the school



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Annual Appeal Update

Goal update: \$126K out of \$200K

• Treasurer's Report

Discussed current funds and expenses.

• After School Update

- After School Clubs registration will be though a new app: active.com; create an account now in preparation for spring registration
- Current session will run an extra week, updated end date is week of March 22
- o https://www.ms54.org/afterschool.html

• Community Updates

- Teacher/Staff
- Fundraising
 - Dumpling Drive was successful; pick up is February 11, 3pm.
- Communications Team
- Equity Team
 - Next meeting:
 - African American Month Family Kahoot Night, February 28, 6pm, https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81814497033?pwd=djVrdFhUdWlmd3c2VXRWbm1teis3dz09 (ms54.org or DOE e-mail address required)
- o Grade Rep Check-In
 - 8th Grade Rep
 - Yearbook photos due March 1
 - 7th Grade Rep
 - 6th Grade Rep
- Activities/Events
 - Super Bowl Pick-Up Football Game, Central Park (W 106th St entrance), February 13, 4pm. RSVP is required: activities@ms54pta.org
 - Coffee with Dr. Elster, February 15, 8am
 - Craft Night with Dr. Elster, March 3, 7:45pm, https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYudOugqilpHtDRnsG83r3Yi5J6QYv1IN19 - Come join us as we needlepoint a Dr. Elster-selected pattern or bring your own crafting project. All are welcome for this casual gathering! Contact activities@ms54pta.org for more info.
- Wellness Committee

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- Sunday Morning Coffee Seven Days a Week, March 2, 7pm, Let's talk about how to savor life moments and slow down time even as we are racing. Bring a favorite memory or two and let's refine together the Art of Savoring.
- https://www.ms54.org/wellness-committee.html
- Other

Unfinished Business

- o SMS App search for SMS app continues
- o Call for Volunteers
 - School Store
 - Lighthouse Ride

Remaining General PTA Meetings

March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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