

Minutes

- Jen has asked that the contents of the meeting not be shared with the press.
- Thanks to the teachers and Eve/Rinah/Pamela for all their hard work as the school re-opens.
- Shared some hopeful stories from kids during re-opening
- PTA mission statement reiterated
- All teachers kept, extra brought on, additional PPE/cleaning supplies, thermometers: all through parent funding. PTA will be able to supplement as needed.
- Listing of names on PTA slate that are up for voting via anonymous poll
- Voting results: all new members voted in
- Eve
 - Communications delays due to difficulties over the summer, situation constantly changing
 - Schedules are complete
 - Transition to remote was a surprise but ultimately helpful to prepare staff for possibility of future closings
 - Pre-K started this week
 - 14th St will be used for outdoor activities. The block president (a grandparent of a 107 student) has been notified. Volunteers needed to help maintain traffic-free space.
 - Staffing changes: Marybeth is teaching 3rd grade remote, Ms Cruz is teaching 2nd grade in-person, long-term subs filling in for teachers who are granted medical accommodations. Miss Anna teaching 4th grade. Miss Johanna teaching kindergarten. Mr. Paul teaching 4th grade ICT. Thanks to PTA. Cluster teachers covering lunch. Not teaching in-person. Every teacher has no more than 4 groups of kids that they are working with. Cluster teachers will teach class remotely.
 - Budget for 550 kids this year. Down to 483 in the building.
 - Every day, every staff member has to take a health survey and show to safety agent. This is DOE policy. We are asking parents to do the screening at home and show phone with green check mark to show that screening is complete.
 - Fewer than half of former population will be in school at one time. 13 staff members will be assigned throughout the school.
 - PPE/thermometers/face shields have been provided.
 - Sick child protocol: brought to nurse Kara, she will call parents, kid goes to isolation room until picked up. Please test kid for Covid. Classroom would be quarantined and remote begins immediately. Anyone in contact with a sick kid is also quarantined.
 - Staff wearing necklaces displaying their photos so kids can see what they look like without a mask.
- Pamela
 - Thanks to the parent volunteers, especially this year.
 - Please complete health screening for Tuesday: Hold up phone, print out paper copy, send email.
 - Let's establish routine before we start sending kids on their own.

- Konstella, Operoo, NYC Student Account. These all need to be up and running.
- School meals are free for all kids. Please fill out the school lunch form at myschoolapps.com
- Blue cards, medical forms: please return.
- Diana
 - Lower Grade Rep
 - Speaking about how she brought her child to Pre-K.
 - Does Operoo in the morning to check in
- Elizabeth
 - Annual Fund
 - AF is the school's biggest fundraiser. Goals are 100% participation and \$200K. Have already raised 10% of the goal.
 - We would like every family to be involved, according to what makes sense for your family.
 - To reach our goal, it works out to roughly \$500 per student.
 - Purchased PPE including face shields
- Sompon
 - Diversity Committee
 - Strives to cultivate empathy for others
 - Strengthening mission statement
 - Latin Heritage Month -- resources for teachers/students
- Adrianna
 - Community Outreach Committee
 - Book drives, coat drives, food drives -- will not be possible due to Covid
 - Have seen a big shift in need, especially sister school PS 169. Food insecurity, rent, immigration, health
 - Will be asking for fundraising help to buy extra school supplies at PS 169.
- Jen
 - We all want school to open and stay open.
 - Please keep kids at home if they are sick.
 - Take temps, fill out Operoo.
 - Be patient, kind and understanding moving forward

Questions from parents:

- Protocols for sick kids
 - If a child is not feeling well, they need to be escorted from the classroom by Rinah or Eve. Nurse Kara will evaluate and determine if it's possibly Covid. If so, the child is taken to the isolation room, parents are contacted and asked to pick up. If it's just a tummy ache, then they go back to school. Parents are asked to have their child tested before sending them back to the school building. If a child tests positive, the test and trace system will be enacted. Contact tracing will be applied. Quarantine period is 14 days. If a child is sick, their class will go remote. Please be medication free for 24 hours before returning to school. Kara expects to see a whole range of normal winter illness. Please don't panic if she calls you.

One thing we can all do to help is make sure your kids bring a large, labelled bottle of water. No water fountains this year.

- Can school do temp checks? Can the PTA purchase thermometer guns?
 - The school isn't allowed to take temperatures if the parent attests that they have done so. If a parent is unable to take temperature at home, there will be one person staffed at each entry post to take temperatures as needed.

- Were all the exhaust fans fixed?
 - Yes. The ventilation report on the DOE website has not been updated as of today (9/24). 14 classrooms affected

- Some parents are coming together to purchase air filters for the classrooms. Would it be easier for PTA to do this in bulk?
 - The main focus is just to get the kids into school for the time being. We'd like to make sure school stays open for a good amount of time before a purchase is made.
 - Would purchase through the PTA for all classrooms.
 - At this point, we don't want to make this large investment and have it not be used.

- How can PTA support optimal use of outdoor space? Flexible dividers?
 - Quadrant idea
 - 14th Street will add to the outdoor space. Additional supervision will be needed.
 - Lunch is going to look different -- in classrooms.
 - One adult per 10 students is the allowed ratio
 - We need to get the year started before we decide on a final plan for all of the outdoor space.
 - Supervision needed at both ends of the block no matter what, at all times.
 - Granted hours of 7:00-4:00 every day.