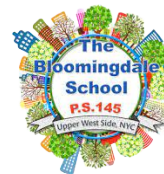




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### General PTA Meeting

**Minutes: October 20th, 9:15 AM**

Facilitated by Co-Presidents // Minutes taken by Co-Secretaries

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN ENGLISH WITH LIVE SPANISH TRANSLATION**

**ZOOM LINK:** <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/97640711876?pwd=ODIOZTd3NmIjZmkvbXBkYXkiMWZwQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 993 4252 0166 **Passcode:** 392969

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**1. 9:15 am Call to Order – Lauren & Krissy, Co-President (5 min)**

- a. Welcome
- b. Attendance and Social Chat Question
- c. **ATTENDANCE: 35 participants**
- d. Approval of meeting minutes from September 21 Meeting by attendees

**2. PTA Recap of activities - Lauren, Co-President (5 min)**

- a. Events:
  - i. Uniform Swap - Big hit, many would like us to do it again this year, thank you to volunteers and all the donations! Many donations of uniforms and other clothing
    1. Attendees raised hands that they would like another uniform swap, likely in the winter
- b. Donation Efforts:
  - i. Halloween Costume Donations underway! Striving that every child that wants a costume for the Halloween parade will have them by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>
    1. Parents asked to contact their teacher if they need a costume

**3. Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities, Co-Presidents (10 min)**

**a. SLT Election**

- i. What is SLT? Equal number of parents and staff that develop educational policies for the school, seeking 2 people to run, meetings are monthly over Zoom, with more in depth description of the position on the app
- ii. Can email PTA president email if you are interested in nominating yourself
- iii. How can I run for this position?
- iv. Special Vote meeting in early November

**b. Lemonade Stand**

- i. Poll to 1) hold lemonade stand this weekend or push to early Nov.
- ii. Volunteers please arrive at 10am: 76% selected to postpone until November
- iii. Still Needed: Apple Cider
- iv. Friendship bracelet making after school today in courtyard to see at stand

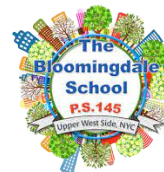
**c. Dad's Day**

- i. 2 Sessions, 8:30am and 12:30pm! Moms, grandparents, uncles, aunts and other family members and family friends can be dads as well!
- ii. Class parents please remind your classes to RSVP to their teachers
- iii. We could still use a few volunteers



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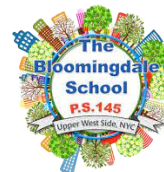


- d. **Spooktacular Bake Sale FRIDAY October 27, 2023 230 pm to 5 pm**
    - i. Still accepting donations! the more you bake, the more money we make!
    - ii. We will have a Halloween crafting table set up for the kids.
    - iii. Volunteers will be helping with both
  - e. **10/31 Spirit Day – Characters**
    - i. School costume parade, please connect with your teacher if you are in need of a costume for your child!!
    - ii. Costume parade in the afternoon, Tuesday Oct. 31, 2023
  - f. **Picture day on Nov. 13, 2023**
    - i. Parent volunteer, Deena Schwartz is leading the effort
    - ii. Can sign up to volunteer, especially Spanish-speaking folks!
- 4. Healing Ambassador Update - Saul Robbins ([saul@saulrobbins.com](mailto:saul@saulrobbins.com)) (5min)**
- a. Working with Columbia's School of Social Work students to help with grant the school has received from Danny O'Donnell's office—students will come in to do assessments of needs and wants of what PS145 would like from a mental health wellness program
    - i. **Adham Elkady ([ae2798@columbia.edu](mailto:ae2798@columbia.edu))** : Bringing in social work education and training in needs assessment; We will need to hear from students, teachers, staff to understand the needs, and will ask for planned meetings with individuals, to ask questions of what needs are needed—support for HW, etc.; Our approach is to listen to representatives from the school for an inclusive assessment; The meetings can be anonymous if that is what the person wants
    - ii. **Lucia de Sola Jokisch ([ld2988@columbia.edu](mailto:ld2988@columbia.edu))** : 6-member team, 5 of whom speak Spanish, one of us will join on the Nov. 2023 event; focus is a needs assessment, to work directly with members of the PS145 community
  - b. Saul is starting the mental health and wellness program in late November 2023, and waiting for Dr. Garcia to approve the date and time; Plan is a 90 minute evening meeting that starts with food (veggies, pizza and dessert) and then parents/caregivers and students separate and there will be a physical wellness activity; Students will do arts and crafts and other activities; The goal is to create a community and peer and caregiver support—a place to pause, spend time together and focus on our wellness and release stress
    - i. May bring in a Zumba class for a meeting, learning how to knit, etc.
    - ii. Parents and caregivers will get to know the PS145 staff for new arrivals, for HW help, for counseling
    - iii. HW help support
    - iv. Introduce the book of the month
- 5. Treasurer Report & Fundraising - Co-Treasurer Vlad Kirillin (5 min)**
- a. Quick glimpse at treasurer's report:
    - i. For James Sandow, math enrichment
    - ii. Direct appeal donations, checks coming in
    - iii. Hiccup of the way that the DOE transfers money to pay TAs; PTA has transferred the funds end of August 2023 but there was a delay on the DOE side
    - iv. Treasurer's report will be circulated after the end of this meeting



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- b. Introducing, New Fundraising Team Member Richard Copin and fundraising suggestion form
  - i. Richard is asking for activity ideas that can generate funds for PS145 from the school community!
  - ii. This is a way to bridge the Spanish, Russian and monolingual programs together!

### 6. State of the School + Q&A in English & Spanish, *School Leadership Team (30 min)*

- a. **Ms. Wilder, assistant principal:** Slides of principal report
  - i. Next round of curriculum mapping will begin Nov. 2023
  - ii. Reading assessments completed for grades 1-5; Now target language assessments going on
  - iii. Heggerty phonetic assessments ongoing for PK-1<sup>st</sup> grade
  - iv. Book of the month: My mouth is a Volcano
  - v. Roll out of PBIS store will start Nov. 2023: The PTA is directly responsible for supporting the PBIS store, 100%, it is part of the PTA's budget for this year ; PTA funds were matched 1:1 via Donors Choose.
  - vi. Studio in the school began for grades 1, 3 and 5; Mr. James math enrichment has begun; pop up vaccination clinic took place this past weekend
- b. **Future activities:**
  - i. Coach Kit for wellness and fitness, will work with students during recess and will also have a teacher sign up to come in for 5-10 min to do movement activities in the classroom
  - ii. Emergency drills—evaluation and lockdown drills in the school
  - iii. Trips have started—recommended that each class does a class trip per month
  - iv. Operation Warm Coat event: 10/26—each student will receive a coat from PreK to grade 5 and student can select a coat
  - v. Annual costume parade Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and spirit day, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>
  - vi. Parent conferences Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, early dismissal day
  - vii. Grade 2 Guggenheim museum art program to start
  - viii. English language learners after school activity: limited seating, parents need to apply! For all grades, about 10-12 students per class, look out for more information in the app—not homework help, a HW help program is also being developed

### 7. Adjournment

- a. **Next steps: meeting minutes circulated**
- b. How to contact us: [pta.president@ps145m.org](mailto:pta.president@ps145m.org)