

NYC iSchool PA Meeting  
November 11, 2020

Meeting begins.

Principal's Report, Ms. Bailey

- We are prepared IF Covid rate exceeds 50%, we will continue to teach remotely
- Last day of the first Quarter is Friday, and starting Nov 23 kids get new schedules. Note that 9th graders' schedules do not change very much because they're mostly taking yearlong classes.
- Talk to Ms Coleridge if any questions about scheduling
- Student led conferences will be scheduled in a couple of weeks. Advisors will reach out to set up Zoom sessions.
- Re: remote vs hybrid. At the iSchool, they're managing it on quarter by quarter basis. Over 95% of families have filled out the iSchool survey to indicate if their students will be remote or hybrid in Q2. Re: the DOE remote vs hybrid survey, please fill out at your discretion.
- Re: in person instruction...number of kids attending in person has declined. Most significant drop has been among 9th graders.
- For kids who are just starting to be hybrid, an email will go out with what they need to know and do.
- If you need a metro card, contact Mr Lau.
- iSchool held their first open house yesterday and had 300 people on Zoom getting a tour. The DOE still has made no decisions re: HS admissions process. Ms. Bailey said that for next year's admissions, she'd like to not base it on grades, test scores, and attendance and just focus on the online admissions form BUT DOE must make that decision. There will be 2 open houses a month through January.

SLT Report, Rob Cowan

- Held elections for 2 open seats and elected two students.
- Mr. Mulroy and Ms Figueroa are joining as faculty.
- Subcommittees have also been set up.
- There is a goal to make the work of the SLT more visible such as posting minutes on the PA website.
- Student government: SLT will revisit how best to conduct this. DOE does not have rules around how it should be structured. It's been a club at our school and dependent upon a faculty member to keep it going. There is no longer one faculty member who really leads it. Trying to figure out how to solve this.
- Health and wellness is an issue that the SLT is addressing
- Continuing work from last year around conservative students feeling they don't have a voice at the school. Also around diversity, equity, inclusion.
- Next meeting is in one week.
- Rob restated that SLT meetings are open meetings and anyone can attend, you don't have to be a member.

### Treasurers Report, Kevin Day

- PA Appeal has been successful since newsletter went out. We've raised about \$7,000 in donations so far.
- Funds raised support activities at the school. List of activities has been modified due to Covid. For example, we are sending funds to upgrade teachers' Zoom accounts.
- Fundraising goal for year is \$45,000.
- We will do a holiday-timed appeal as well.
- Remember to check and see if your company matches.
- Lambeth explains that Ms Bailey comes to the PA Board with what they need, the Board votes and then the money is granted (or not).
- If parents would like to target their giving in a certain way, please let the PA Board know.

### President's Report, Lambeth Hochwald

- Spirit wear - Susan Gargulio (PA member) has reached out to previous spirit wear provider to look into creating a holiday shop. It will be a portal and they will do fulfillment and take payment. They will ship for a fee to individuals or for no fee they'll ship to school. Susan is going to determine which few items should be included in the sale. Giving it a try as Cafe Press isn't that successful.
- Snacks - if you're interested in sending them to school, email Lambeth to let her know
- Advisory groups - please let us know if they're working or not. Many people are commenting that they have not heard from their advisors.
- 9th Grade Directory - Nancy Chinchar (PA member) explained that PA sent out request, parents filled it out, and she has shared directory with those who signed up. If you have any questions, contact Nancy via the PA email.

Speaker — Rachel Schiller, first year parent, mental health expert

Meeting concludes.