



HSAS General PTA meeting. Town Hall to follow

Executive Board Members in attendance:: Nicole Rothschild, Joanna Brody, Melanie Perlstein, Kellie Marquet, Stephen Friedgood, Jorge Ramirez, Scott DiSavino, Niki Singh, Maria Kiriakova and Hanice Pena.

Welcome returning and new families

Mr Weiss, Mr Oliveri, Paula, Sandra in the office, and Mr. Halaby are all working to ensure school can open safely

PTA supports everything in the school: Extra sessions for sports, gym equipment, trips, extra curriculars, team uniforms, extra books (may happen this year), Lehman college classes this year, zoom meetings

This summer PTA paid for curtains for classrooms, graduation ceremony and gifts for graduating seniors

New Executive Board, unofficial for now

Nicole Rothschild, president

Joanna Brody vice president

Jorge Ramirez and Lucila Broide, co-Treasurers

Melanie Perlstein and Kelly Marquet, co-Recording Secretaries

Stephen Friedgood and Scott DiSavino, co-Communication Secretaries

Niki Singh and Sophie Murray co-Fundraising Chairs

Maria Kiriakova and Hanice Pena, Members at large

Steven running meeting

Co-Treasurer's report- Jorge Ramirez

Balance = \$412,000

\$4,000 donations since July 1. Spent about all on school refurbish.

Nicole

Meeting being recorded

Sent out 3 documents with welcome letter

Donation letter: PA takes credit card, check, zelle

Asking \$850 from each family, understand that is a lot of money, so anything you can afford great—looking for 100% participation – anything you can give we will spend on students

Will try to have some other fundraisers this year

Amazon smile

Contact form – DOE does not allow school to give us parent contact information so please fill out form and return it

Please volunteer

Two specific PA positions for ninth grade families: SLT and Ninth Grade Rep
If interested please email at hsaspta.board@gmail.com
Election at next meeting

Which may be October 5
Hoping to have meetings once a month

Hoping for events online and in person
Also hoping for October and November speakers
College, mental health
Spirit wear sale. Hopefully in person soon

Please join us for meetings and the PTA

Sense of community usually great aspect of the school
Please reach out by email.

VOTE on the Minutes from previous meeting
Motion to vote: passed
Minutes from 6/15/21 approved

Mr. Weiss

Good to see you all
Orientation last night
He comes to every PTA meeting
You can always reach out to Mr. Weiss, Mr. Oliveri, Paula—any question

Emailed invitations to orientation based on DOE records of parent emails, if you didn't get it
please be in touch with Paula, it was recorded

He wants to give sense of school year - 85% certain of all of it
Very sure of what he has control of

Excited to welcome students back September 13

20th year of the school. 2022 want to take full advantage of being back together
Redevelop sense of community
So excited to welcome kids back

Everyone a little scared

126 freshmen = largest class ever
normal class 97 students

School total 413, 20 bigger than usual

3 new sophomores

3 new staff members:

Art teacher: Ms. Vivaldi

Additional Math teacher: Carol Kinney - Geometry and pre-calculus

New guidance: Lara Paquette

Aim to make kids as happy as teens can be at school

Kids feel at home and don't want to leave at end of day

Being programmed for regular 8am -2:50pm day

Then clubs and sports

100% in person

Aim to be as normal as possible

Learned a lot and bringing new things with us

All changed people

All been through a lot

Programming for regular school day per regulations

College classes scheduled for juniors and seniors

Changing how rooms assigned based on size not subject

Light clumping of freshmen. Morning pod and afternoon pod

Little harder for kids to meet each other, this will give more intimate group

Will keep some kids out of hallway some of the time

Changes to curriculum

Learned less last year and year before

Last year average course covered 2/3 of usual to do it well

No idea what freshmen learned last year

Mindful of that as we plan curriculum

Learning loss.

Thinking about technology how to incorporate tech and its limitations

Live instruction

But will continue to take advantage of some aspects

Mindful of workload

Homework class work all the same

They made major modifications last year but he doesn't feel like it was enough

They will continue monitoring workload this year

Some of the flexibility coming to an end

Everyone has to be more on the same page

More standardization

Curricular revisions

Refresh curriculum.

Building upgrades:

MERV 13 filters highest standard

HVAC fully functional

Hired HVAC Specialist last year to configure rooms -- Measured air quality

Once you have MERV 13 filters want the windows closed so window draft doesn't mess up the circulation pattern

Removing excess furniture to make more space

Painted classroom doors

Building has no book rooms or storage rooms, so DOE bought storage unit for school

PTA bought curtains because the blinds let the sun in which made glare on video screens

Safety protocols:

One is connected to misalignment between DOE policies and CUNY policies

DOE all faculty and staff mandated to be fully vaccinated by 9/27

Not mandated for students yet

CUNY is mandating vaccines for faculty, staff and students

We use CUNY facilities as do 10 other high schools

DOE and CUNY and Mayor's office sorting it out

At some point will have to upload vaccination data

Any student not vaccinated will be tested weekly

To keep everyone safe

Random testing for everyone else

Not ice pick to brain. 2 kinds last year, gentle q tip and spit test. Tiny thing to spit in

Cafeteria open, school lunch available for free to any student who wants it,

Can bring own lunch

Lehman food court where most ate lunch is closed

CUNY lost food vendor

Lehman exploring options

Hopefully food available for purchase soon

One Lehman gym closed

Other gym open but adult gym but requires everyone vaccinated currently

Must be fully vaccinated for PSAL

Nice weather use Harris field

Lehman College giving us extra classroom space right across the street

Waiting to hear about testing for unvaccinated students

Guessing most vaccinated

He doesn't know about staff

Mobile vaccine site for first 4 days of school year, need parental permission if under 18

Masks required in building all day long, everybody, properly fitting

Mask breaks when you need it

It's a long time to be on a mask

As much distancing as possible

Not possible 100% of the time at any school

Will do our best

Rows to maximize distance

As close as possible to 3 feet

But in the hallway?

One-way traffic on sides of hall

Layers of protection, social distancing, air filtration, masks, to function together

Hand sanitizer

Hand washing

He needs parent's assistance outside of school

Saturday night party with masks off brings the germs to everyone on Monday

Encourage them to be responsible outside of school also

No COVID transmission in school last year because everyone was responsible and communicated with school and stayed home

Community buy in

Control what we can

All taking a risk together in opening schools

Because we think it is important

He cannot guarantee that no one is going to get COVID but will do our damndest to keep kids and faculty safe

Everyone working together

We do a good job

We are there for them. They have a sense of ownership and care for building, teachers, and each other

Mental health and safety:

All been through trauma

Everyone different in some ways better, in some ways more fragile

Kids will first be super excited and a little scared

In October and November school might feel harder

Partnership with Jewish Board of Family Services

Vastly expanding hours available to our students

Partnership can see therapist virtually or in person. No stigma. Therapist knows kids and school really well

Will be doing presentations in class about anxiety, stress, depression about handling them, asking for help, getting help.

Teachers have all had extra training in social emotional learning and trauma informed instruction looking toward subtle changes in kid's behavior, ask more frequently about feelings

Flexibility of learning on own coming to an end

Planning more schoolwide events later

Talent show

Outside when we can

Speaker series

Student presentations

Community event minded principal

2 days a year students plan student led events

School with basically no rules

He always that part of being an adult is entering a space and knowing what the rules are because you know what they are

Trust

Continuing that spirit this year

No arbitrary rules.

Thinking carefully about school culture but also about taking joy in each other's company

Students get programs first day of school

There may be a draft on parent account

But it's a draft

No supply list for first day of school

Paper

Pens, pencils

Folders

Lunch

Teachers will tell you what to get

There will be time to get stuff

Working locker

Metro card

Gym shirt

Private bus service

No formal relationship with school

Before first day of school make sure they are getting picked up and dropped off and again.

Building will be really cold

Ac on full blast

All sorts of clubs and activities club fair. Pta generous with funding clubs and activities

Activities fair

Full list will come

All students will have HSAS email account, please check it once on a while

Please send us ema or tell us to remove email you don't want used

Bunch of forms home first day, please send back pinned to kids' sleeve

Paula can answer anything if she can't she will find out

Forms. Please please do PTA forms

Do vaccine upload, get the vaccine

Site at Lehman college

Will be a mobile site at school first 4 days of school year

Unsure about phone conf yet. Would prefer to but need to hear from DOE

Will be encouraged to eat outside if they can. Not enough space for 200 kids to eat outside

Hybrid Lehman classes: study halls with a teacher if they need to log in

Can use own headphones or they will have some

In event of positive covid test
Doe test and trace notified. Study contact list.

Currently vaccinated contacts do not have to quarantine unless symptoms
Unvaccinated students who need to quarantine can take a test to come back to school
Still waiting for guidelines on quarantine instruction

CUNY a complication. HSAS informed if there is a Lehman diagnosis. Trying to keep students together in bubble.

One student last year tested out
Positive day after attending school. Contacted all contacts.
Nobody caught Covid from him. No other student got it.

Very late start on programs
Like to wait until we have enough information.

School has a mask stash just in case
No vents allowed
Wear a comfortable one
Fabric or surgical better and safer

No need to bring in computer

SAT and PSAT will be given in School

Calendar not done yet but will be soon

DOE calendar available
Remote days - Election Day, snow days gone

DOE sending 200 iPads

School rule on phones - off in the classroom

He believes there will be a vaccine requirement for high school kids once it is approved.

Going back to failing grades again. No incomplete option but there is a ce option. A final grade can be converted at parents request to a P so colleges can't see it.

Thank you Mr. Weiss for time and effort

Everyone take a deep breath
But count on school caring for each and every one of them

Heart always in the right place

Validate for kids that we will do it together

Best year ever

Thank you all for patience flexibility

If issues please reach out let kids let us know. Ask Mr. Weiss, ask Paula

Will hear from school again before school starts

If need another meeting before October we will have it

Thank you!