



**BARUCH COLLEGE CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PTA MEETING**  
**9/21/16 /6:30 PM**  
**Minutes**

**# of Attendees 37**

**Welcome**

Abby Koreto (PTA President) Welcomed attendees. Gave overview of meeting. Hope to answer some basic questions that have been coming up. Asked for donations and volunteer. Asked for new parents to become PTA members at large

**CNXT**

Some parents got a text with an invite to CNXT. It is a texting app that allows the school to share information. It also has translation capabilities. There are still technical issues to work out.

If you have not received a text or paper invite, or you are having problems enrolling, please email parent coordinator Janice Salmeri [salmeri.janice@bcchsnyc.net](mailto:salmeri.janice@bcchsnyc.net)

**Principal Greeting and Washington DC**

Principal Alicia Perez Katz welcomed parents.

Explained that she was away last year on a fellowship to Washington DC. Gave an overview of her trip and her experience

**PTA Budget**

Joan Resman-Brill (PTA Treasurer) distributed PTA budget. This year's budget is approximately \$50,000. Currently we have approximately \$28,000 in the bank.

Question asked about last year's budget. Answer we can share it, did not have it with us, but is very similar to last years

Question asked about budget line item for software that allowed for teachers to check for plagiarism. Was that a problem at the school. Answer: Principal replied that is was also a tool for students to confirm proper citing, and not to accidently plagiarize. Also commented that it occurred rarely, but it was deal with in a supportive way.

New budget line items were recently voted on, not in current budget. New walkie talkies for staff (under \$1,000) and t-shirts for students for field day.

Question was asked if budget could be posted on Website. Answer: Yes. We will arrange for that.

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

Abby Koreto gave a parent's point of view:

First PT conference following the following structure:

Upon arrival, sign up with each student' teacher you need speak with.

- You have 3 minutes to speak to each teacher
- Recommend that you come prepared with knowledge and question.



- If you believe you will need further time to discuss a specific issue, email the teacher to arrange a meeting

Acknowledged it could feel a bit hectic and rushed

Second meeting is a different style and called a CAF

This is a longer meeting with parent / student / adviser. The student and adviser prepare for it prior. The adviser is aware of how and what your student is doing in all classes. This will be a sign up for a specific time in the Spring

### **Curriculum Night (overview by Principal)**

Curriculum night is Wednesday, 9/28 at 5 PM

Each grade meets individually

Teachers review overview of year

Not a time to talk specifically about your student

For senior parents there will be a talk about the college application process.

### **Engrade**

An online tool that shows your students current marks and homework status

If you do not have password and access, please email parent coordinator Janice

Salmeri [salmeri.janice@bcchsnyc.net](mailto:salmeri.janice@bcchsnyc.net)

It is a good barometer how your student is doing. It is kept mostly up to date, but keep in mind there may be slight delays before teachers update information

Do not use for email

Homework assignments are NOT posted on Engrade. Just the results

### **Sports:**

Students are informed of tryouts and other details. It is their responsibility to sign up.

There are a variety of sports available at Baruch. For any specific questions, contact

Mike Breman [breman.mike@bcchsnyc.net](mailto:breman.mike@bcchsnyc.net) and / or Diane Dirico

[dirico.diana@bcchsnyc.net](mailto:dirico.diana@bcchsnyc.net) for more information

### **Clubs at Baruch**

All clubs are student run

In order to start a club a student should speak to his / her advisor

You do not need to be a Senior to run a club

There will be a club fair after school in October where students can find out more about what clubs are available and sign up

### **International school trips**

The India trip scheduled for Feb is full, and is not accepting new applications

In the past there have been trips to Denmark and Tokyo and as plans and information becomes available for future trips it will be shared.

Japanese Exchange Students-will be here in October

All trips need to be reviewed and approved by Superintendent All trips must pass this approval process.



### **Cocktail Party**

Cocktail Party for faculty and parents will be held at a parents home on October 13.  
Invite will come soon

### **MetroCard**

No questions about metro cards

### **PSAT, ACT, SAT**

Bonnie Philips (Guidance Counselor) will be sending out full info shortly to Juniors and Seniors. Many new changes from the DOE and she is waiting for them. She will also address on Curriculum night

### **General**

Request for volunteers-first opportunity Election Day Bake Sale  
Go to Website/Facebook for more information and updated  
Please donate to PTA if you can