

Baruch College Campus High School
PTA General Meeting Minutes - Final
January 17, 2018

1.) Call to Order: Co-President Abby Koreto commenced the meeting at 6pm. Approximately 20 parents were in attendance. Abby welcomed the parents and our guest speaker.

2.) Principal's Report: Alicia thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She asked if the PTA could sponsor an upcoming self-defense course. This course was previously funded by a \$2,000 grant.

3.) Guest Speaker: We were fortunate to have CVS Pharmacist, Angela Moscatiello, join us this evening. Angela shared a video on a current drug epidemic, and then she answered questions and gave the following advice:

- Parents should hold their child's prescription medications. They need to be the gatekeepers.
- Children need to know that they cannot share their medications with friends because doses and side-effects are specific for the person who the prescription was written for.
- Lock away medicine and know exactly how many pills are in each bottle.
- Do not flush unused medication. Small pill sizes are misleading and can be very bad for the water supply. Instead, drop off unused medications at police stations. Also, some pharmacies will be able to dispose of unused medications.
- Vaping is dangerous and addicting. Often, the nicotine equivalent to a pack of cigarettes is inhaled during a single session, despite each cartridge having 5% nicotine.
- Prescriptions are being written for single-week supplies in order to reduce leftover medication.
- Mixing opioids with other drugs or alcohol can result in a rapid heartbeat which can cause panic and if the child then takes a downer they can have a heart attack.

Please see the video that was shared at the meeting:

<https://cvspharmacy.wistia.com/medias/cft79x6frg>

4.) Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shino reported that \$35,431.79 has been raised by the PTA so far this year. \$34,047 has been donated to the PTA Annual Fund, which is approximately 76% of the annual goal. She thanks everyone who has made a donation and reminds parents that donations are tax deductible this year.

Expenditures this year have included: student clubs, academic department requests, college support, model UN, athletic teams, trips

5.) Rachel Lewyn reported on a possible event for 9th grade students that involves taking a trip to learn more about the sports business and then seeing a Nets game. This is not a PTA event, parent Beth Kufeld (bkufeld@me.com) is coordinating this event.

6.) Rachel Lewyn reminded us of the upcoming community building "Happy Hour at Jake's Saloon" that she and Beth Kufeld are coordinating on Feb 25th. Rachel reviewed a marketing plan with Mary Vallon and reminder emails that will be scheduled.