

## **PTA GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2019**

Introduction by Becky Burgoon (PTA co president)

Cocktail party was a success, we took in \$2,000 from donations and raffles.

School tours are coming up. We need more parent volunteers.

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> is election day and we will be running a Bake Sale. Lara will be heading this up. Students can sign up to work or bake items for community service.

Our 2<sup>ND</sup> annual auction will be held on April 3, 2020. Anyone interested in helping please contact the PTA.

Today there is an election for 1 SLT seat and 2 seats on the Executive Board (new parents to the school). Candidates spoke briefly and/or Becky read something from candidates that could not be there. Ballots handed out to be counted after the meeting.

### **SAFETY PRESENTATION**

Ms. Giselle Hanna Assistant Principal went over safety protocols that Baruch utilizes.

There is a Building Response Team (BRT) that are activated before first responders would get to the building. Ms. Hanna is the BRT leader and Mr. Douglas Keyzer Assistant Principal, is the special needs coordinator. Stephanie Smith is an Emergency Officer – may go to hospital with student or staff, if needed.

Baruch has 3 relocation sites if needed and they do not disclose the location.

School nurse Shannon is at school all day and not allowed to leave building.

Parent coordinator, Janice Salmeri has names of all people entering building and holds the blue cards with emergency contact information for all students.

There is also a Safety Team that meets monthly. Conduct 12 evacuations a year and 4 lockdown drills which are mandated. Entire school can leave the building in 3 ½- 4 minutes.

Soft lockdown- if there is an intruder in building

Hard lockdown- if there is a weapon involved

Shelter In- disturbance outside of building, door is locked, and no one can leave or enter building.

DOE Videos showed examples of fire drill, lockdowns, shelter in and evacuate.

Baruch has no harassment no bullying policies- 1<sup>st</sup> person to contact is Ms. Grebstein.

There is an investigation, parents on both sides will be notified. 5 days to investigate. Parents can also report any incident online.

To help with issues Baruch instituted a Social Emotion Learning and Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) programs.

The first restorative justice meeting will be Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and is held once a month.

Program teaches communication and conflict management to students. Conduct talking circles in advisory which are used to enhance classroom learning.

Next PTA meeting will be held on November 13, 2019 at 6pm.