

PTA MEETING FEB 10, 2021 5:30PM

Beth Kufeld and Becky Burgoon- Co Presidents

Welcome everyone. There are currently many Senior parents on the Executive Board, and we are looking to fill seats for Sept, we would love to have new faces and ideas. Please reach out to PTA if you are interested in serving on the Board.

At our E Board meeting last week, we discussed topics for the PTA meetings. We are going to email a survey asking what parents would like to hear about. Please fill out and you can also suggest ideas you might think of.

No school this Friday for Chinese New Year and next week for February break.

Annie Howell has been leading a parent's space group Re: racism. Next month's meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup> we will listen to a pod cast. Please join us!

Ms. Perez-Katz

Hard copies of transcripts will be going out in the mail the end of this week. Best way to access documents in on the NYC Schools account. More secure than email. Encouraging people to use this to get information on your student.

Start of semester 2 now. Fresh start for students to reset and start again.

11<sup>th</sup> grade has started the College process program. College office sends newsletter with a lot of information, please check your email for this. Please schedule an appointment to meet with the college counselor and your child.

Electives for Seniors. – Psychology Sociology, Math and Cooking and Science and Cooking.

We have no news about when NYC high schools will re-open.

We want to deepen our commitment to equity, by actively becoming allies to each other in our curriculum, policies and how we operate. We have established an Equity Team. We have a few members here today that will discuss what they are doing and what they want to accomplish. We established an Equity Pledge. Wrote one last year and revised it again this year. How do we stand for equity and how do we help students come forward? BLSU also present for meetings. We planned a Respect for All Week- DOE encourages all schools to participate. Students are getting activities and will work in their advisories this week on this. LGBTQ+ and gender identity was today. No place for Hate-run by the ADL- Anti Defamation League. Teachers recited pledge on Baruch Instagram and asked all students to sign the pledge.

Hikari (student) member of the BLSU discussed what they are doing for Black History. They post every day on Instagram about Individuals, culture historical events impact. They will also be hosting a Zoom movie night. There will be a presentation about Black culture, music, clothing and etiquette.

Ga-In (student) Equity Team members are working on building conversations among students and want to make it part of culture to talk about racism. Working on Asian American hate during COVID-19. Try to help educate people.

Ms. Bigg, teacher leader on the Equity team. Worked with English dept on Stamped book discussion.

Ms. Biggs-Equity Pledge developed by team and students to address language bias has that come up in school. Trying to educate everyone about their experience with bias language, read history behind it and how to move forward and change culture of language bias. Being an upstander and the role of education and try to see point of view of someone who is different from us.

Equity Pledge can be accessed on Baruch website. Calls out use of “N” word. Embedded in popular culture and music and how it makes others uncomfortable. Not acceptable at Baruch. Including singing in a song. Teaching about micro aggressions. Try to be an upstander, lets help each learn and grow. These are our common values and how we can help one another.

What happens when we break the pledge- certain steps we take as a school. Start with a meeting with parents and discuss. Loss of lunch privileges – not applicable now.

If student uses it directly toward another student- suspension.

We will ask student to complete an assignment and write a reflection. Agreeing to a restorative circle- if both parties agree.

Those who are harmed by biased language – will have a say in and in person meet about what they need to move forward.

We encourage students to speak Up and tell someone!! Telling someone is not snitching, it is holding up our community value. They should inform a student or staff leader who will support you.

If act of hate or bias occurs in our school, we will address this publicly as a school and denounce the action. We will talk about it together and the best way to respond as a school. We asked all students to sign the pledge:

Pledge to be upstander.

I understand that when our community is harmed there is a need to repair the harm.

I pledge to be my best self.

Recording of meeting will be on the website.