

PTA MEETING JUNE 9, 2021, 6:30PM

Last PTA meeting of school year

Budget presented by Autumn Zobrist, PTA treasurer

Robust financial situation and thank you for all your support for our school to progress and grow. Cannot thank you enough and I am honored to work for special school

Recommend donation will be \$500 this year due to our surplus of funds but it is also dependent on what you can afford. Will draw down on some saving and to reduce recommended donation amount.

Thank you to our Senior parent Board members Becky, Beth, Liz and Linda for their years of service.

We will discuss what returning to school will look like next year and would like your feedback and comments- we do not make these decisions alone. What did we learn that are positives from Covid and what do we leave behind? – zoom teaching. What do we bring back? Still a lot of questions but we are getting some info. Will we have social distancing. City will look at the numbers. School will be fully reopened, and we are planning around that, but we have become adept at pivoting if we need to change plans.

LOOKING AHEAD TO BCCHS 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Our key Goals & Priorities 2021-2022

- 1. Social Emotional Learning**
- 2. Culturally Responsive Curriculum: Equity**
- 3. Rigorous Instruction & Academic Supports**

Social Emotion Learning:

We have students that have not been in the building in a year and half. How can we support and help our community transition back? Not being on phones all day long, focusing and waking up early. People are dealing with loss, as well as economic loss. Students want to go out to lunch. How can we transition back in by leveraging our advisory program and then getting into academics?

We received funding for a new social worker position- comes from Federal stimulus money. First time we will have a social worker. We are interviewing now. Planning on keeping our Restorative program - keeping circles with Ms. Baron. Want to bring back all the clubs and athletics.

Culturally Responsive Curriculum:

Teaching into current events in social studies
Facing History & Ourselves partnership
Social action focus in grade 10
Connecting content to student lives
Equity Team Town Halls

Rigorous Instruction & Academic Supports

Third part is academic. Collaborative hands-on learning. ICT great way to make large class sizes smaller with 2 teachers. Continuing with AP's next year. We sent out AP interest form but if you were not aware, we can send form out again as we haven't done the programming yet.

Assessing students and intensive supports- going to teach to our standards. We know the past year and half has not been what they had in past. 11th graders will have College Process class in Spring and 12th grade will have in the fall.

Seeing less engagement from the students and they need more support. Students not compliant with their work, so we needed more flexibility with our grading policy. How much should we assign for the fall. Had to trim down our standards, we covered less usually a lot more material.

Budget coming out next Friday. Will have more funding. Being funded at 100%- we get x amount per pupil. In past received 93% per kid this year will get 100% . Hoping to add more teachers to allow more flexibility – another Spanish teacher and potentially another Phys Ed teacher as Mr. Bremen teaches the whole school. Did not spend all of our funds but purchased iPad with extra funds to help teachers. additional technology - still waiting to receive last year' orders of laptops almost enough for 1 to 1 laptop to student ratio. We do not want kids on laptops all day.

There will be only 1 summer assignment in English, please look out for that.

Re-opening with Health & Safety as our Top Priority

All safety precautions will still be in place

Two Purifiers in each room

Functioning air conditioning, MERV 12 filters

Continuing to follow NYC DOE Guidelines

As of now, masks will be required

On site testing will continue

Situation Room will continue to support schools (partnership with Dept of Health)

individuals with COVID 19 symptoms will stay at home

Students and staff will continue with a health screening to enter building

Health and Safety: all rooms have air filters and box fans to keep air flowing. As of now masks will be required this fall. No vaccination requirement from DOE as of now. Continue with onsite testing.

Incoming 9th grade is very large, we are over enrolled. Janice has been calling to make sure they are coming to we can plan accordingly. Might have to open another section in the grade.

Will School start time be the same? Will know by the end of next week. Regular school hours should be 8:30am-3pm or 8:20am-2:50pm.

First day of school is Sept 13th because of Labor Day and Rosh Hashanah.

Potentially first few days to be advisory to transition back to school. Community building for 9th and 10th graders will happen start on Sept 13th not before school starts.

Will the College office organize trips? We would love for that to happen if allowed.

Hopefully students will be able to go out to lunch just waiting for guidance from DOE

For High Schools, distancing moving down to 3ft, unless your are eating it has to be 6ft

Is there a need to upgrade Wifi since there will be more students in building? They will add bandwidth as needed the DOE has been monitoring it.