

Baruch College Campus High School
PTA Meeting
October 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM (via zoom)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Eileen Braun, Co-President of PTA, at 6:30 pm.

Elections - Eileen Braun:

Our current PTA Treasurer had to step down so we will be electing a replacement. We will also be electing one SLT Member and two 9th Grade Representatives. Eileen introduced the following candidates:

PTA Treasurer - Marcia O'Day is a parent of a 9th grader. She is a CPA who has worked for 25 years at a large multinational bank. In addition, she has spent the past 10 years as a PTA Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer

SLT - Chloe Liu is a parent of a 9th grader.

9th Grade Parent Delegates - Andrew Needam and Kim Darge

Since there were no other candidates, the meeting attendees voted and the new members were elected.

School Name Change to Baruch High School - Alicia Perez-Katz:

Ms. Perez-Katz spoke about the possibility of changing the name of the school. We were founded in 1997 as Baruch College Campus High School because we were located in a Baruch College building. In 2009, Baruch College needed the space so we moved. Our name is no longer accurate but we are still associated with Baruch College. Colleges would still know who we are because this change would be added to our college profile. The name change would not take effect immediately as there are various steps to having the change approved by the Superintendent.

Results of an impromptu poll (not a vote) of attendees was in favor of the change with 60% choosing Baruch High School and 40% choosing to remain Baruch College Campus High School. We will survey the teachers and students and have more discussion before voting on this change.

Regents Exams & Diplomas - Douglas Keijzer

Mr. Keijzer shared a chart of the typical course sequence at Baruch along with the schedule for Regents exams and AP exams (see last pages). He pointed out the different courses in math, science and Spanish students take based on which regents courses they had in 8th grade. Because of this sequence, no matter where students start as Freshmen, all students are automatically scheduled to take enough regents exams to earn either a Regents Diploma (needing an extra Regents exam in any area called a Pathway exam) or an Advanced Regents Diploma (requiring Pathway exam plus LOTE, the Spanish exam).

Many students were given regents waivers last year (WA on student records). This means students were given credit for passing the Regents exams they would normally have taken. Colleges accept these waivers so students do not need to worry about these exams. Students can still get an Advanced Regents Diploma with these waivers.

Students sit for both AP exams AND Regents exams because the AP Exam scores are available too late to determine if students tested out of the Regents exam.

Ms. Perez-Katz added that you can change grades on transcripts for the Spring 2020, Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 semesters to "CR" so students get credit for passing the course but their grades will not affect their transcripts. You can make this change until your child leaves Baruch. You will see your transcript after January and you can decide then (or later) if you want to make changes. Speak to your guidance counsellors or Janice to complete the form.

Covid Update - Janice Salmeri

Ms. Salmeri reported that 93% of our students have uploaded their vaccine records to the DOE portal. She added that 100% of our unvaccinated students are tested weekly.

Updates from Principal - Alicia Perez-Katz

We just finished the map testing at Baruch. This was a test given to our 9th and 10th graders to assess where they are academically. It was not a graded exam. We did not have our 11th and 12th graders take the test as we know them better and they are preparing for other exams.

The DOE has rolled out a Social Emotional screener for every student that will probably be administered by each student's adviser. This is not a psychological assessment. The results will be used internally so we can figure out how best to support our students.

Clubs have started. Each day for 3 weeks different clubs will set up tables in the lobby to share information. Clubs will be open so students can join later, as well. We have over 30 clubs as we want to support the social emotional connection our students have been missing. There is something for everyone. The list of clubs was included in a weekly newsletter and it will also be on the BCCHS website.

We have also started academic help so our teachers can offer additional support to students.

We have begun several partnerships with organizations. Some examples are a Manhattan Theater, the 92nd Street Y, and Solar One. In these partnerships, guest artist teachers and scientists work with students on various topics like poetry, performance and energy conservancy. We are also exploring the idea of trips to get students out and involved.

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on November 10th and 12th. These will be short check-ins online with your child's teachers. You will receive information on how to sign up soon.

The first quarter will be ending around Thanksgiving. Teachers should have student work marked in Pupil Path so parents and students can see how they are doing. Speak to Janice Salmeri if you need help getting into Pupil Path.

Lockers - It is unfortunate, but we can't have students use the lockers because it creates too much congestion in the hallways.

Coats - In each classroom we have to keep 3 windows open an inch to increase ventilation. The heat will be on, but it will be cold. Students will need to dress warmly!

ID's - we are working on ID's but we don't have updates on this at this point.

Parent Space - Annie Howell

Annie spoke briefly about Parent Space, which was started last year as a way for parents to gather monthly to do light studying of race in America. We listen to a podcast, watch a video or read part of a book and spend time reflecting and seeking to understand. This is a great way for us to get together, so we invite you to join us whenever you can. You will see announcements in the PTA Newsletter or email bcchs.pta@gmail.com.

Social Activities - Sandra Fontenla

Sandra spoke about providing opportunities for our 9th and 10th grade students to get together and get to know each other, since this was difficult on zoom last year. Even this year there are challenges with the split lunches. We are brainstorming to come up with different ideas. If you're interested in being involved at all, please email BCCHS PTA bcchs.pta@gmail.com.

Eileen asked for parents interested in any particular topics to please email the PTA with ideas. Parent involvement is welcome!

The next meeting of the BCCHS PTA will be on November 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Course Sequence (Shared by Mr. Keijzer)

	Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12	
ELA	Eng 9		Eng 10		Eng 11	AP Language	Eng 12	AP Literature
Math	Algebra	Geometry	Geometry	Algebra II/Trig	Algebra II/Trig	Statistics	Calculus/ Stats	AP Calculus
Sci	Living Environment	Pre AP Bio	Earth Science	AP Environmental	Chemistry		Physics	AP Physics
History	Global 9		Global 10	US History	US History	AP US History	Go/Econ	AP Comparative Government
Spanish	Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Spanish 2	Spanish 3	Spanish 3			

Regents and AP Exam Sequence

Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12	
Algebra 1 Regents	Geometry Regents	Geometry	Algebra II/Trig	Eng Regents	AP Language Exam	Eng 12	AP Literature Exam
Living Environment Regents		Earth Science Regents	AP Environmental Exam	Algebra II /Trig Regents	AP Statistics Exam	Calculus/ Stats	AP Calculus Exam
				Chemistry Regents		Physics	AP Physics Exam
		Global 10 Regents		US History Regents	AP US History Exam	Go/Econ	AP Comparative Gov't Exam
		Spanish 3 LOTE		Spanish 3 LOTE			

Diploma Options Typical for Baruch Students (Shared by Mr. Keijzer)

Assessment Requirements for a Regents Diploma

Pathway = additional regents exam in any area

Assessment Requirements for a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

& LOTE (language)

Pathway = additional regents exam in any area