1/19/23 PTA general meeting minutes

6:05 pm Meeting begins

* Review of meeting rules
* Chris Sandor running the meeting this month
* Introduction of PTA executive board, SLT members, Title 1 co-chairs, any staff present

6:08 pm Review of minutes

* Agreed to skip the reading of the December meeting minutes to save time due to the special election

6:09 pm Principal Remarks

* Wishes Ms. Scott well as she leaves the President’s position due to her son graduating early
* Had meeting with superintendent and other principals in the school district
  + Superintendent wanted to focus on the support of student athletes
    - ALHS does not give student athletes special privileges as they are treated as student’s first
    - Try to give all students support whether they are athletes or not
* Math content meeting
  + Part of the chancellor’s initiative to offer extra assistance in math
    - Part of the SAGA program
    - Trying to give students help in the middle of their day rather than at the beginning or end when they might be less focused
* Regent exams next week
  + Exams will be graded in the school
  + Follow a grading rubric from the state
  + Teachers are very diligent with their grading
* Questions
  + If a student is absent for a medical reason is that considered an excused absence?
    - Yes, grades can not be penalized due to an absence
  + When are Juniors taking the SAT?
    - Not sure, will check on the date and get an answer
  + Are College Now classes being offered? How do you sign up?
    - Should have been contacted already if a student was signed up as they start in February. Should contact a guidance counselor for more information.

6:19 pm: Ms. Jebril explains how to get a PIN to vote in the special election if you haven’t already received one

6:21 pm My Brother’s Keeper presentation

* Mr. Nicolas is the leader
  + Teacher in the math department and special ed
  + Been running the program for 4-5 years
* The program uses well researched strategies to increase engagement of the participants and has been well received
* Currently has 10 young men who are being taught to become change in their community
  + They currently do fundraisers
  + Attend district meetings and do presentations about the program
  + Taught to be part of the solution
* How do you sign up?
  + Usually only 10 members a year
  + Currently developing a code of conduct
  + May open up to take more members
  + Interested students should reach out to Mr. Nicolas [rnicolas@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:rnicolas@schools.nyc.gov)
* Can the PTA support somehow?
  + Allow the members to do presentations like they do at the school safety meetings
  + Maybe do an attendance presentation with ideas for parents to support their children
* Mr. Robertson thanks Mr. Nicolas for his service as the group is very active in the school

6:38 pm: Special President Election

* Mr. Jones gives a statement about his last 2 ½ years serving and mentions the new co-presidents will have a good team to work with
* Mr. Sandor goes over the position duties and mentions we are hoping to elect two people in order to share the role
* Ms. Jebril starts the election process by taking nominations
  + Erica M. Domenech self nominates but withdraws due to other nominees coming forward
  + Anisha De Coteau self nominates but withdraws due to other nominees coming forward
  + Ms. Samantha Philbert self nominates but withdraws due to already being treasurer
  + Ms. Nickeisha Hunt nominates herself
  + Mr. Jones is willing to stay on if the other nominee is agreeable to running next months meeting
* Ms. Jebril asks to vote on Ms. Hunt for co-president

7:15 pm: Ms. Hunt is elected as co-president and Mr. Jones will stay on as the other co-president

7:16 pm: Treasurer’s report

* Given by Mr. Sandor
* No changes since December report

7:18 pm: Parent Questions

* Will there be any bakesales or fundraisers?
  + Working on a chocolate fundraiser and a Yankees fundraiser
* Why don’t we charge for JV sporting events?
  + PTA doesn’t make money on admission to sporting events or run the snack stand
* There is mention of interest in creating a fundraising committee

7:25 pm Teacher’s Corner with Mr. Capezzo

* Marking period 3 ends on Monday
* Regent exams next week
  + Child should have been notified if they need to report for an exam
  + Students with no exams do not report at all Tuesday-Friday next week; students taking exams only report at those specific exam times
* Semester ends January 30, students will report that day for new semester schedule and Metrocards
* Spring semester starts January 31st
* Questions
  + When do report cards come out?
    - Should be distributed on the 30th
  + Why isn’t my child taking the regent this time if he failed it last year?
    - Should contact your guidance counselor as there could be many different reasons

7:36 pm Meeting adjourned