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ALHS PTA September General Meeting, 9/23/2021:

Session 1 3-5pm Minutes (**see far below for any new discussions or Q&A as recorded in the evening session, see last page for compilation of links/emails from this meeting)

3:02pm. recording begins after introductions.

Principal Ari Hoogenboom address.

- will leave at 3:15pm so put questions in chat and PTA will make sure to pass them for the second meeting
- great to see your students
- COVID procedures discussion: taking all kinds of precautions to make sure that students/teachers remain safe -just had random testing today - very well organized. The superintendent will be visiting on Tuesday 9/28/21 simply to see our systems-- he's concerned about signage / about how students move through the building -- AP principal Shawn O'Connor has done a wonderful job with the signage with making sure that students movement is safer (up staircase--down staircase to prevent breathing on each other --safer for everyone is going in the same direction
- Mask compliance/students discussion-- UFT chapter chair went w/ Mr. O'Connor to observe mask compliance -- our students are doing a very good job -- a few students wear a mask as a chin strap but when we tell them to lift it to their nose they do. We are doing our utmost to keep everyone as safe as possible through social distancing, through wearing masks, through reminding everyone that we're a community and we have to keep the rules.
- Food/lunch procedures discussion-- we have scheduled as few students for lunch as possible because packed students into the lunchroom will not be able to practice social distancing/can't wear masks because they're eating. Grab and go lunch is available for everyone but not just at the end of the day. if anyone is hungry they can grab one of these grab-and-go lunches and eat it in their classroom--sit in a corner away from other people so they can eat and they won't be hungry.
- Teacher/staff vaccine mandate discussion-if teachers are not vaccinated and do not have a medical exemption they will have to go to another site and not come to school -- we do have a list of teachers who are not compliant -- most of them are going to get the vaccination Monday morning so they can still come to work; some of them won't. I don't think they're going to be very many.
- Principal says how much I enjoy your children; how lonely it was last year and how happy we are back at school = true community. Zoom fine for meetings but for teaching and learning, in person is best; very happy to be in the building/so glad that your children are at ALHS. He will do our very best to answer questions at later session; also Mr. Robinson is on as well so can assist.

Mr. Robinson-AP principal of guidance address.

- been a great start to the year - happy to see all of you here
- SEL initiatives:
 - we're ready for everything from the academics to the Social Emotional piece --new programs in place in SEL curriculum that's being pushed into content areas--every week one content area social studies/science/English is doing a Social Emotional Learning integrated into the content area to make sure we're building strong community and SEL skills like listening, conflict resolution, mental health are incorporated in the curriculum throughout the year.
 - the other initiative Lincoln Somebody program-we always say "everybody has a somebody" and this year we created new positions within the school of specific Lincoln Somebodies that have that are attached to a cohort of 150-200 students, pushing into the specialized programs like vet science/photo /digital media to get to know the students /build relationships/be their person at Lincoln whenever there's a problem/help them get to that next level /support if they fall /just be there for them. What we've seen over the years is our academics have improved when we focus on not just academics but also the whole child.
 - these new initiatives in this in addition to our mental health support team and guidance/Mr. Robinson's office.

Note: continue annotating any Qs in the chat and we will hold them and do Q&A at end of meeting.

Reading of the minutes --from June 2021 meeting. Mr. Jones just briefly reads off some key points -find the full text of our minutes posted on the ALHS website under the Parents /PTA section.

Ms. Fontana: Tech training aspects for the students/parents.

*DOE MyStudent accounts ---Mr. Robinson goes over how to set up the NYC myStudent accounts-- these are your parent accounts - all parents should really be registered for this account it gives you access to student report cards/contact info/one stop shop for needs/COVID testing consent/ military opt out/transcripts/report cards/reset your student your child's password for their DOE account etc.

* need access code from the school through Mr. Robinson's office

drobinson10@schools.nyc.gov

--email Mr. Robinson to request a letter that has your activation code --here is a link to the form that you can fill out for me so I can get you that letter to activate

<https://forms.office.com/r/T1CFhj72q1>

Q: should these accounts should carry over from earlier schools? A: Yes, you shouldn't have to do anything you should be able to log in and the new school Lincoln should be there.

- Ms. Fontana discusses how to reset your student your child's password for their DOE account via the parent's MyStudent account -- largest pain point - they get about 100 tickets a day from students just requesting PW resets -shows how to get that done using MyStudent account.
 - Click little gear for settings / go to the student password /select your child/ just retype in the password twice / hit save. Being able to reset your child's password anytime - helpful instead of having to put in a ticket and wait. They resolve tickets anywhere between three to 24 hours later)
- Q: Is this the same site where we received acceptance for the schools? A: No. it's not the same site as "MySchools" --MySchools does all the enrollment so it's is a different site and a different account
- Student tech help desk and form on ALHS website discussion. If you are you or you/ your child are having an issue you can always head over to our students tech help desk /parent helpdesk- website page

https://www.alhs.nyc/student_tech_help_desk

- There is a form that you can fill out to request help - brings it into our student tech ticket system--response back within 24 hours. Use this form for any kind of problem with your ipad or your laptop /problems using any of the programs / problem with your NYC DOE accounts. Students to go through the school before reaching out to central DOE or to DIIT. Typically we can respond within a few hours whereas the central help desk will take maybe a week or two to actually respond to tickets
 - Student tech tutorials posted there also-Tutorial videos that were created by teachers here on staff showing students how to walk through programs/applications in use
- DEVICES: ALHS is waiting for a shipment of devices from the DOE- NYC is planning on going 1:1 and are planning on shipping out a device for every student that does not have one. Shipment is to come - as soon as we do receive that shipment we will start distribution to students
- Q: how do ninth grade parents notify you that their child needs a computer. A: We are not accepting any requests for devices-- we've already identified all of the students who need one-we keep a record of which students have which devices and we received ninth incoming ninth grade data from the set from --- over 900 students in the building need a device.

- Student Tech workshops discussion: there's an EdTech team in the building: teachers from each department participate in terms of making decisions around technology and classroom tools and devices that we use. Noticed that students really needed help with digital literacy so we started monthly student workshops spring of 2020 (virtual)-- providing support in terms of: how to send an email; sign up for people path, basic MS Teams class notebook, etc- all the kinds of tools that the kids could use. Monthly workshops are continuing in the building so students can come period 9---after school from 3:30 to 4:15. For September that's next week --next Thursday 9/30/21.
 - Two different workshops: one specifically geared towards ninth graders working on Microsoft Teams basics; then the other one is more how to navigate platforms; file organization; tools for older students
 - last year there was a similar workshop for the parents --possibly again towards the end of this year beginning of January—if we can put together a list of people of people that are interested, she would be more than happy to provide those things in the evening.
 - Ms. Fontana intro: been at Lincoln since 2006; was a teacher here from 2009 until 2015; became the AP principal of the math department; also supervise four of our specialized programs: virtual enterprise program, the digital media program, our computer science program which I actually built myself here, and our internship program, plus also supervises all of the tech in the building including the IT department.
- Treasurer's Report Mrs. Attwood :starting balance as of June 1, 2021: (last month of the school year) was \$1017.84.
 - awarded monies for student awards at the end of the year, we had some contributions over the summer, and our ending balance as of 8/31/21 was \$907.25
 - we also have an online fundraising we usually ask parents if they can contribute \$5 at each meeting or you can just opt out and give \$50 ahead of time or really any amount that you feel comfortable with --contribute via online CheddarUp platform for online PTA fundraising
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/alhs-pta-dues>
- Secretarial team report:
 - PTA has some Welcome letters prepared and sent to the Mr. Robinson to circulate to the parents with the details on signing up for the PTA-- everyone is automatically a member but we'd just like to have you register with all your contact information so that we can send you all the details of our meetings automatically so those should be going out shortly.
 - letter for the teachers because we are indeed a PTA so we would like to make sure the teachers and staff at the school who are eligible can also be an active part of the PTA
 - as an ongoing project this year, Ms. Medina is going to be taking a look at the PTA section of the school website which was recently updated at the very end of last school year-- the format changed significantly and some of

the sections might need a little bit of updates –we're going to be taking a look at that and making sure that everything is updated and everything is where it should be in terms of the PTA site. E.g. the teacher contact directory -Mr. Robinson is working on getting that updated--not yet complete for every teacher

- Ms. Medina mentions the website's translation tool ---if any of the parents have another primary language, this tool is in the top left of the screen of the ALHS website so feel free to use that
- Holding a vote later on towards the end of the meeting to standardize the way that the association's name is displayed; there was a lot of different documentation that we inherited last year that had various stylings of the actual name so we're just taking a membership vote with the membership making sure that everyone is in agreement that we can standardize it to Abraham Lincoln High School Parent Teacher Association. Note this will not affect the IRS and bank documentation as that has our legal name and that can't be changed at this time because that's a lot more complicated so that will remain "PTA of Lincoln High School" but this is just dealing with the name that we're using on all of our letterhead and the website.
- President Report:
 - thank you to treasurer and secretarial team always keeping me on my toes; time on putting those that information together is appreciated.
 - The team has already provided quite a bit of information-I thank them. There's a lot of changes constantly occurring we're on constant meetings with the school as well as a district level and as we get the information, we try to put it out there either via email to the families of emails that we do have (because we're not allowed to get the emails from the school-- we have to get the emails from the families that provide it to us) or through our Facebook group—we try to post only verified items from the DOE perspective as well as maybe Chalkbeat, and also from the school itself.
- Finance Team report:
 - Mrs. Attwood; putting some committees together: fundraising committee/finance committee so we can start fundraising with our alumni (Lincoln is a very established, large, old school - we have thousands upon thousands of alumni.) We would like to come up with a plan on how we can reach out to alumni and raise funds and maybe have homecoming events—anyone with interest is invited to reach out and become more involved with committees or on the executive boards. Email the PTA at abrahamlincolnhspta@gmail.com
 - Mr. Sandor: welcome any new parents/ parent voices/parent feedback- anyone who's interested in helping out even a little bit we would be gratefully appreciative even if you just want more information you can definitely put your name in the chat or drop your email address privately to myself or Mrs. Attwood

- and if there's any other committees that haven't been mentioned and you know worked real well in your school or heard about in other schools please let us know
- Q: Mr. Robinson/Mr. Capizzo: can you explain the lunch process?
 - (Mr. Capizzo intro: He is the “Lincoln somebody” for the PTA—a guest liaison to reach out to for any questions or any PTA concerns on behalf of the school. He is one of the faculty members - ninth grade algebra teacher -year five at ALHS.) A: majority of our students getting grab-and-go lunches at the end of their day and also have breakfast available period one and two in the beginning of the day down in the cafeteria. Any students who need a lunch period to break up their day, need to talk to their guidance counselor to ask for lunch and we'll make the adjustment on their schedule. Decision made so that we could keep social distancing in the cafeteria and keep everybody safe--now we have less than 100 students in the cafeteria eating lunch instead of 500 at a time
 - Q: concerned my daughter is not receiving lunch she came home with a tummy ache last week --when will grab and go become available? Q: my daughter tried to grab lunch several times and the coolers were empty each time she got there? A: Mr. Robinson: if a student really needs lunch they can we can add it to their schedule, but the grab and go lunches are available at the main exit on West Avenue. I've never seen them running low through the main entrance so I would suggest exiting there if they don't have lunches at the other exit but will also follow up to make sure the west avenue exit is fully stocked. If the cooler is empty there are other coolers by the main entrance which will have lunches there. Lunch should be available at either exit --yes, that's correct.
 - Q: kids are directed to the side exit for distancing purposes so I guess it would be very difficult for them to just backtrack and go to the main exit? Another parent agrees: that that is my daughter's problem she is not sent through an exit that has lunch. A: Mr. Robinson: I'm pretty sure all the exits that we direct students to do have the grab and go's but I can make sure that they're fully stocked like I said. Another parent agreed: my daughter has exited the school without lunch and then she changed her schedule and now she has a lunch period but she said that both times that before she did that both times the exit that she was directed to did not have grab-and-go bags so there must at least be one exit that doesn't have lunch. Another parent just posted exit two does not have lunch. A: Mr. Robinson: exit two okay, I'll follow up with that thank you very much.
- Title One committee - Ms. Brown notes anyone that may be interested in being part of the Title One committee Title One is additional funding from the school's Title One budget that can be used for resources to help out our parents by setting up little workshops to help parents whatever issues come up. Topics could be: understanding graduation requirements; pandemic support; stress management /mental health; unemployment resources; understanding the

PupilPath or the website; financial literacy; etc. Next month we will hold a membership vote on what topics you would like to see.

- Q: a parent asked when Ms. Brown talked about giving back what that was exactly what sorts of things are available in Title One? We're trying to answer parents needs so it's flexible and changes year by year but if that person has a question maybe ask for more? Parent Tomas spoke just was asking what Title One entails and what it encompasses --is looking forward to actually learning some more about title one and see how we can the parents to understand more about what it is and how it can be very helpful and useful for the school as a whole --his student is 9th grader.
- Family Healing Ambassador report: Ms. Medina. This is a new DOE program, Ms. Medina has been attending training sessions. This is a new initiative that is centered around mental health and the reason why our school was picked is because we were one of the zip codes heavily impacted by COVID. She will be doing a workshop--most likely in October --possibly a week after our general meeting - around October 28th most likely it will be virtual-logistics to come. She wants to send out a survey to the families so that you can help me pick out the final topic ---this could be self-care, could be mental health; resources that you need at the school, etc. The DOE is helping us put those resources together and I will be sending that information to all of you. She is required to do one presentation-- 45 minutes-- but up for discussion
 - Training has focused on trauma and healing, and the school obviously has some programs that have been implemented like the new Lincoln Somebody and we're hoping that with this initiative we can continue to build on that.
 - So be on the lookout for that information that's coming out soon
 - PTA president thanks Ms. Medina -she came in as a brand new person onto the PTA last year, and then she got tossed into this additional Family Healing Ambassador role and she is definitely the right person for this position so thank you for taking the time and volunteering --we are looking forward to that seminar next month.
- Teacher's Corner: We created this teacher's corner because the whole point of the PTA is parents/teachers so we want to make sure we have a collaboration where it's not just the voice of the parents but also the voice of the teachers. Mr. Capizzo who is our favorite Somebody--collects all the information that he gets from all the teachers and he provides that information to us whether it be about senior trips, senior information, 9th grade info, Regents programs-- he tries to gather all that information and what he doesn't know he will gather that and get back to us with responses so he is our middle person. Unfortunately, our former parent coordinator Mrs. Mohamed has left the school- we're looking for a new parent coordinator--that will take some time; in the meantime though he's not the parent coordinator but he will be the Somebody.

- Lincoln somebody was started – “everyone has a somebody”, so the students always had somebody to reach out to--you should always feel like there's someone you can talk to with any questions. If PTA has any questions or concerns, they can talk to me about anything going on and then I can pass on any information to help you answer your question.
- Teacher Corner is something for all of you parents to know what's going on in the classroom. Right now, all the teachers are right now just trying to get used to being back in the building and sure your students are too.
- PupilPath/Teams: If there are any kids who are having any difficulty with getting on PupilPath, please reach out to your guidance counselor or even one of the teachers-- they can give the code so they can get signed up on PupilPath. This is not only for the student but also the parent so then you can have your own account so you can check in on your students grades as well as far as with teams because we are on the team's platform. If your student still has any difficulty you join our Tech workshop next Thursday.
- Q: re guidance counselors. A: so guidance counselors every student that comes into Lincoln has the same guidance concert for the next four years so this year. For ninth grade it's Ms. Lamberg for tenth grade it's Ms. Felzer; for eleventh grade it's Ms. Severe Watson; for twelfth grade it is Mr. Brian Vega and then there's also Mr. Chris Vega who does counseling as well and then Ms. Schoenfelder, who handles students who have specialized special programs with IEPs. Usually you can find all their emails on the directory -- better to email than phone call (every year their offices change so someone's phone number changes).

****See Info Packet for School Contact tree with all guidance counselor contact info—this is posted to School Website in Announcements and also on PTA section of school website site, as well as on PTA Facebook and was emailed with meeting invite***

- Q: re guidance counselors is it required for a student to get a parent signature before they can change their schedule and does a parent know if their children's schedule has been changed as well as where do they get the code for the PupilPath? A: Ms. Scott: can say for myself I've never had to have a signature the only reason I find out that my son's schedule changes is I'm constantly looking at my son's schedule on PupilPath. If it's not right I'll go to the guidance counselor and ask what's wrong. They give me a courtesy but in all honesty everything is dealt between their child and the guidance counselor. The guidance counselor has never steered me wrong when it comes to my child --honestly have to say my son's guidance counselor listens to my issues then they'll speak with the child and then they'll come up with the compromise that everyone's happy but more leaning towards what your child's concerns.
- Q: how do we get the code for PupilPath? A: Mr Capizzo: There's two ways either you can email the guidance counselor, they'll give it to you--

they'll send you a link to it where they'll actually tell you their stuff, or you can also ask me-Mr. Capizzo offers to help and supplies his email. Mr. Robinson adds: Also, if you go to our website www.alhs.nyc you go down to Announcements section, and you click the announcement, the PupilPath registration codes are there so it's the first two letters of last name and the last four digit of the student's id number. If you have that information, you can get the parent code and the student code.

- Old Business: the only old business we have is just a reminder : the school does a phenomenal job on providing information through their phone blasts but sometimes most of that information goes to the student most likely through MS Teams or through Remind, so the school does try as they're sending out blasts and , they'll send us emails to go and assist with trying to get the information to the parents as well but remember in high school, they are preparing these kids for real life and college so they're slowly cutting the cord from the parents to allow the students to blossom.
- Q:Is there join codes for Remind? A: right now we are trying to phase out Remind and program instead with the phone blast/email blasts, and the new website design so if you're not getting those phone blasts or email blasts, we may not have your correct contact info, so send us your phone number and email us(with Student ID #) so we can update our system. You can contact the guidance counselor, or you could email our record secretary at mwillia5@schools.nyc.gov - that information is also on the parent engagement faq ***which is in PTA INFO PACKET *** and is also on our website in the announcement feed.
- This parent engagement school contact tree: is the main information for the guidance counselor as well as administration. If for some reason you're not getting responses from the teachers, get with the guidance counselor before you get with the administration. A lot of times the guidance counselor is able to quickly correct the information before the administration. Note: PTA provided that information out in our information packet –was sent as an attachment to the email invite to today's meeting and it's posted on our Facebook group and it will be included with the welcome letter packet that Mr. Robinson will be sending out, and it's also on the Abraham Lincoln website in the school announcements site
- SCHOOL CALENDAR REVIEW: Check the DOE website- www.schools.nyc.gov -they have the 2021-2022 school calendar year. Not included is any events that are happening within the high school which they have a separate calendar and that's usually posted on their website.
- Q& A
- Q (in Spanish, translated by Ms. Medina): About Operoo, she registered but keeps getting emails to sign up again who can she contact to resolve? A: Mr. Robinson: she can reach out to me directly—but also there's also a little chat feature in the Operoo for support-- that can be very helpful too; you just click on it and someone is right there offering support.
- Q: pls go over the mask mandate? there was somebody that was asking about that and there's also a question re the quarantine status. A: Mr. Robinson: So the mask mandate is that every student has to wear their mask covering their nose and their mouth, throughout the day at all times. We are very compliant, our

students are very compliant, everybody wants to stay safe and it's that simple of a rule: keep your mask on, keep your mask up.

- A: Mr. Robinson: As far as the quarantine process: if a student is quarantined, they go into remote learning and that's on Microsoft teams. We have a remote learning guide on the website that just helps refresh anybody's memory of how to get on Teams and we ask that those students just reach out to the teachers just to make sure they're on the same page, using the Teams chat feature which is a very familiar feature. Teachers are aware of who gets quarantined but just making that connection can be helpful. The city released changed the quarantine policies a little bit starting Monday 9/27/21, if any student who is masked and three feet distanced will not need to quarantine if there is a positive case; It would just be the student who had the positive case that would be quarantined.
- Q follow-up question on quarantine. my son has been quarantined due to a student who contracted covid and so far only two teachers have posted quarantine assignments on MS teams he feels that he is being left out of a lot of work. 2nd Q: will there ever be a one-on-one with a teacher live while on quarantine? 3rd Q: so students will quarantine for a number of days, are all the teachers aware that they need to give assignments on MS Teams and the second question is are there any one-on-one with a teacher live during that quarantine? A: Mr. Robinson: That's why we suggest the students message the teacher on MS teams because the teacher is doing their job of teaching their five classes still and providing that work online so our teachers are very good but they are still human so when a student is in quarantine, that student could probably just message the teachers. The work should be up there every teacher has work posted on MS teams-- the student just might need a little help accessing it. The second Q was a two-part Q: no there are no one-on-one sessions available according to the contract; right now it's what we call asynchronous work, which is kind of posted work that the student will do. Mr. Robinson drops out-Mr. Capizzo assists: A: from my understanding all the remote work is asynchronous instruction which means that the work is able to be done without a live one-on-one teacher, and like when I did like when I had my quarantine for this week, for some of my students I was able to post like the videos and stuff of me actually teaching them it while they were doing it live. But yes it's only supposed to be asynchronous at this time, but with the new guidance that is coming on the 27th, as long as your child has three feet of social distancing and wears their mask, if there's a positive case in the room, they will not have to quarantine, so the only way that your child will quarantine is if they are positive. (or unless they were next to that kid they weren't taking the distance etc.)
- A: earlier in the chat PTA dropped the Info Packet so that they can download it for themselves—this packet has our contact info, lists all the PTA members, the parent engagement letter with the contact tree, and slides with other resources for the parents-- the calendars and things like that, so feel free to save that for yourselves.
- Q: I heard that some students who are vaccinated are not keeping a mask on all day? A: No matter whatever your status is, your masks must be on at all times. Teachers are keeping to the rules that masks are mandated. As far as protocols,

- Q: how long does it usually take the families to be notified? Apparently there was a case last week that the family wasn't notified until this week. A: As soon as we get the notification from the COVID 19 situation room, we send it out immediately. As soon as we get the case we send it in-- they give us the exact letter that we send out and we send that out right away--sometimes at seven o'clock and I send it out. Maybe parents have gotten a notification at 7 30. so as soon as we get it we send it out-- as far as how long it takes for the situation room? That's kind of dependent on the case but we've been very fortunate that it has been very a pretty fast turnaround.
- Q: one of the comments was that it took five days to be notified. A: I'm not aware of the case that took five days to get notification on.
- Q: what is the average number of students per class? A: we can fit 34 students in a class, three feet apart so probably the average class size is probably around 28 and it could be up as high as that.
- A: just put in the link on the chat and we'll also put it on Facebook- there is a NYC schools testing results site which provides testing results for the school each time they're tested with a breakdown of how many students to how many teachers are tested within that school. It'll give you a breakdown of how many were tested positive and whether it was students or whether it was a staff member -- no names are posted it's just numbers. Link is: [https:// testing results.schools.nyc](https://testingresults.schools.nyc) ---then put in the borough and school name.

END OF AFTERNOON SESSION

Proposal to approve Minutes by Mrs. Attwood; Ms. Sandor seconds; Minutes are approved.

*find the full text of our minutes posted on the ALHS website under the Parents /PTA section.

<https://www.alhs.nyc/groups/82874/parents/pta>

Ms. Fontana Tech Help Desk:

Q: how do I see school website info in Spanish? A: Use the Google translate tool at the top left of website-select Spanish in language dropdown, and all website content will be translated including documents and headings/menus

Q: should kids bring personal devices into school? A: they can but Central is going 1:1 (see above) but the ordered devices are not here yet. 970 ALHS students have no DOE device. They will start distribution upon delivery. Devices are a mix of ipads w/wireless keyboards and laptops with priority given to Computer Science, Virtual Enterprise programs who need laptops.

Q: will students be given lockers once devices arrive A: No there are no lockers at ALHS.

6:50pm: AP Shawn O'Connor Ap Safety. PE, Health presents.

- There is a home football opener Friday night at 7:00 PM -vaccination is not required for fans --there will be social distancing as we have one of the largest bleachers in the city.
- as of 9/27/21, quarantine rules change-- you're only quarantined if you were less than 3 feet or unmasked from the positive case, despite vaccination status.
- you can report your students vaccination status at a vaccine portal
Vaccine.schools.NYC
this is not mandatory but it helps with determining close contacts
- they are testing 10% of students once a week. Parents could look at the testing results portal
testingresults.schools.NYC
which displays results of schools
- mask breaks are permitted
- the COVID situation room run by NYC track and trace sends us the information to relate to the school community
- Q: are all kids playing sports mandated to be vaccinated? A: only for high risk sports such as football, basketball, volleyball ,and bowling, which are qualified as high risk and require a vaccination
- There's an opening plan for safety
- Q water bottles A: water bottles can be brought if they're empty. You could fill at the cold water fill stations in the cafeteria,-- gyms and in hallways these can be metal or plastic but they must be empty. Or you could bring a sealed bottle no open liquid is permitted.

- Quarantine period rules discussion.
- Q: why isn't everyone required to consent to testing? A: these are city DOE guidelines this is really a question for mayor de Blasio.
- Q: what about swim? A: girls swim is in progress it's classified as moderate risk so can try out without vaccination; boys swim starts in winter or spring season.
- Shawn O'Connor's email is soconno5@schools.nyc.gov; phone 718-333-7452
- Q: what are the drills for safety? A: we have a BRT (building response team) that runs an evacuation drill, there are soft lockdowns and hard lockdowns; discussion of drills follows
- Q: are there extra masks? A: yes we have a supply of PPE at scanning, in the classrooms, and also in room 102 or 107
- Q: question about cleaning protocols? A: they have high pressurized steamers with special chemicals; special teams after school will wipe surfaces down every night; every class has two air purifiers and wipes

7:13 PM Treasurer Report: notes that reimbursements are due out from June PTA activities. Leticia Medina motions to approve the treasurer's report; Ms. Sandor seconds the motion –June Treasurer's report is approved

Secretary Report :.the name change vote via poll to standardize the name is undertaken.

There were 27 yeses- one abstain: 20 Yes via the poll and 7 Yes via the chat .

Mrs. Attwood proposes a motion to accept the name change –Ms. Medina seconds-- name will be changed to Abraham Lincoln High School Parent Teacher Association in letterhead/documents although the IRS and bank name remained the same for now.

Finance Committee: discussion of desire to expand fund raising efforts-- it's been hard during COVID with limits on presence in the building--would like to re-energize and get some new ideas—parents' suggestions always welcome; please reach out if you're interested in participating and give some input.

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Title 1 Committee: Ms. Brown presented a bit more background info on Title 1: this program supplies non-instructional course for parent involvement and supports, often involving info, books, etc., with workshops provided via virtual environment. Call for new volunteers to serve on Title 1 Committee election to be held at October meeting. Ideas here suggested in chat: swim lessons at ALHS pool? Saturday/after school supports for high risk students

Q; Discussion of IEP students. A: the guidance counselor who handles IEP students is Ms. D. Schoenfelder; email address is DSchoenfelder@schools.nyc.gov she's also listed in the parent engagement FAQ document posted to school website/in PTA info packet/contact tree

Teachers Corner

- Mr. Capizzo mentions that senior portraits are next week; get the senior dues in (used for trip prom yearbook etc.)---only 12th graders have photos taken. Photos are taken at the school or at a Queens studio. See more info here:
https://www.alhs.nyc/senior_activities
- another good avenue for school information is the Instagram account run by the ALHS photography program students and Mr. Molina the photography teacher. the handle of Instagram is ALHSBKLYN
- Q: could photo taking of the other grades be a fundraiser for the PTA? A: great idea-- we could talk about this or we could arrange with Mr. Molina for in school photography-- fund raising team is excited

7:55 PM NYC DOE calendar and website info reviewed

- along with the school contact tree and PTA contact information common web sites etc. this calendar is in the PTA info packet that was sent out as an attachment to the invite; also posted on the PTA Facebook group and will be on the school website-- just a handy reference gathering things in one spot
- the parent coordinator position at ALHS is currently vacant—Mrs. Mohammed has left for another school. Please be patient; there's a replacement being hired; the guidance counselor should be your first contact for academic questions
- Q: what about metrocards A: go to the Dean's office to request a metro card; room 101
- Q: question on PupilPath A: if you need the PupilPath log in codes. A letter with all PupilPath info and codes is posted on the website here:
<https://echalk-slate-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/private/schools/82829/resources/a82730b3-2648-4bf7-a649-aadbcdaef875?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJSZKIBPXGFLSZTYQ&Expires=1946663745&response-cache-control=private%2C%20max-age%3D31536000&response-content-disposition=%3Bfilename%3D%22ALHS%2520PupilPath%2520Sign%2520Up%252009-10-2021.pdf%22&response-content-type=application%2Fpdf&Signature=NdmVZ1UD2sl4H2NMt2opNqQ6fTU%3D>

Or, just ask your teacher or guidance counselor -note PupilPath is also for parents not just students

- Q: we've heard about community building in SEL but not much about anti bullying material? A: we are doing both-- community building also involves a lot of mediation/ circles training/ conflict resolution etc. The Chancellor is supposed to come to ALHS to observe our SEL activities in October.

next meeting: October 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM

8:08 PM adjourned

COMPILATION OF LINKS/EMAILS FROM THESE MEETINGS

Parent Engagement FAQ with School Contact Tree: <https://www.alhs.nyc/feed/> then 4th item titled Parent Engagement FAQ 2021-2022 School Year
Can also try this link for document directly –or find on PTA Facebook site in the Info Packet.

<https://echalk-slate-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/private/schools/82829/resources/ecd79fa0-aacb-4d1f-84e9-c5c231d97cb6?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJSZKIBPXGFLSZTYQ&Expires=1947260836&response-cache-control=private%2C%20max-age%3D31536000&response-content-disposition=%3Bfilename%3D%22Parent%2520Engagement%2520FAQ%2520SY%25202021%2520-%25202022.pdf%22&response-content-type=application%2Fpdf&Signature=V6%2FsD6l4MGjCM7n3n95a44%2Fo%2BsU%3D>

Other links:

PTA email:

abrahamlincolnhspta@gmail.com

DOE main page:

www.schools.nyc.gov

COVID testing results page:

[https:// testing results.schools.nyc](https://testing.results.schools.nyc)

NYC schools student vaccine status portal;

Vaccine.schools.NYC

ALHS Student Tech Help Desk

https://www.alhs.nyc/student_tech_help_desk

PTA dues/donations:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/alhs-pta-dues>

ALHS school website Parent PTA section:

<https://www.alhs.nyc/groups/82874/parents/pta>

Senior Activities on ALHS website:

https://www.alhs.nyc/senior_activities

Form to Request MyStudent (parent) account creation code from ALHS:

<https://forms.office.com/r/T1CFhj72q1>

then go to NYC Schools Account to create the MyStudent (parent) account
www.schoolsaccount.nyc

PupilPath info:

- A letter with all PupilPath info and codes is posted on the website here:
<https://echalk-slate-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/private/schools/82829/resources/a82730b3-2648-4bf7-a649-aadbcdaef875?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJSZKIBPXGFLSZTYQ&Expires=1946663745&response-cache-control=private%2C%20max-age%3D31536000&response-content-disposition=%3Bfilename%3D%22ALHS%2520PupilPath%2520Sign%2520Up%252009-10-2021.pdf%22&response-content-type=application%2Fpdf&Signature=NdmVZ1UD2sl4H2NMt2opNqQ6fTU%3D>

ALHS Insta account:
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Guidance counselors:

Listed in Parent Engagement FAQ on website in News/Announcements and also in Info Packet:

Guidance Counselors:
Student Population Counselor *Phone Number * Email

All 9th Graders Ms. Landberg (718) 333-7564 VLandberg@schools.nyc.gov

All 10th Graders Ms. Felzer (347) 422-7497 DFelzer3@schools.nyc.gov

All 11th Graders Ms. Cervera-Watson (718) 333-7425
SCerveraWatson@schools.nyc.gov

All 12th Graders Mr. B. Vega (718) 333-7562 BVega4@schools.nyc.gov

Students with ENL services Ms. Khan (718) 333-7472 NKhan15@schools.nyc.gov

Students with an IEP Ms. Schoenfelder (718) 333-7401
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At-risk counseling Mr. C. Vega (718) 333-7559 CVega9@schools.nyc.gov