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11/16/22 PTA general meeting minutes

6:00 pm Meeting begins

- Review of meeting rules
- Introduction of PTA executive board, SLT members, Title 1 co-chairs, any staff present

6:08 pm Secretary reviewed the minutes from the October 2022 meeting

- Can find a copy of the minutes and the slide presentation in the PTA section of the ALHS webpage
- Video of meeting can be found on the ALHS PTA Facebook page
- Mr. Jones motions to accept the minutes, Ms. Scott seconds
- Minutes are approved

6:13 pm Principal Remarks

- Reminder of conferences on November 17th and 18th
 - e-mail your child's teachers to set up a time for a conference
- Two examples of the importance of safety agents in the school:
 - A student was choking in the hallway and the safety agent was able to apply the heimlich maneuver
 - the was checked out at the nurses office and able to return to class
 - At the recent open house for prospective students safety agents were able to reassure parents about Abraham Lincoln being a safe school
- The school blood drive was today (11/16/2022) and was well attended
- Attendance has not been as good this year as the school would like
 - Because of short Fridays students aren't coming in because they don't feel like it's worth it
 - Any student attending school this Friday will receive a free t-shirt
- Warm clothing drive is currently going on
- A Lincoln alum came by the school and arranged for his wife (who was a federal judge) to serve as a judge for the mock trial program which is part of the law program at Abraham Lincoln
- FAFSA dinner for senior parents is Tuesday, November 29th.
 - You must RSVP to the college office
 - Food and experts will be available to help you fill out the form
- Questions:
 - Is SAT prep offered?
 - Yes, but details are forthcoming
- Thank you to parents for the support, can always contact at ahoogen@schools.nyc.gov if you need anything



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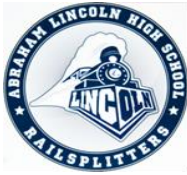
6:24 pm Mrs. Khan guidance counselor, ENL

- Introduction of the guidance counselors at Abraham Lincoln; can find the list with email addresses <https://echalk-slate-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/private/groups/82873/resources/1e22dc02-abc8-4d9a-9acc-e8a21d110e4c?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJSZKIBPXGFLSZTYQ&Expires=1985652388&response-cache-control=private%2C%20max-age%3D31536000&response-content-disposition=%3Bfilename%3D%22Parent%2520Engagement%2520FAQ%2520SY%25202022-%25202023%281%29.pdf%22&response-content-type=application%2Fpdf&Signature=LoQY3JZt432Rb7ynlhZcPISSgw%3D>
- The role of the guidance counselor:
 - Ensure students Social Emotional and Academic needs are met
 - Meet with students
 - Family outreach
 - Academic interventions
 - Social-emotional support
 - Connecting students with resources
 - College and Career Planning
 - Work collaboratively with other parts of the Pupil personnel team (Social workers and the college office)
 - Collecting and analyzing data (attendance, outreach, academics) to create target groups
- Average day of a counselor
 - Everyday is a new day!
 - Checking in on student's progress
 - Meet with students
 - Meet with families
 - Phone calls, e-mails, and Microsoft teams chats
 - Being available when needed for the school and students a like
 - Attend IEP meetings
 - School/staff meetings
- What a counselor does in a school year
 - All year long
 - Social Emotional Support
 - Academic Support
 - Advocacy
 - Attendance
 - Outreach
 - College And Career Planning



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- Fall:
 - Programming
 - Program Changes
 - New Admits
 - Transcript Reviews
- Winter:
 - Regents Sign-Ups (January)
 - Transcript Reviews
 - College and career planning
 - Family ELL night (ENL Students)
- Spring:
 - Programming/Program changes
 - Senior Contracts/Meetings
 - Family ELL Night (ENL Students)
 - Guidance Presentations
 - Senior Certifications
 - June Regents sign-ups
 - Summer School Sign ups
 - Closing the year
- IPR (Individual Progress Review)
 - New (New York State Mandate)
 - Meet with each student on case load individually-annually
 - Discuss:
 - Academic Performance
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - College and Career Planning
- Contact information for guidance counselors
 - can use your child's teams account, email, or call
 - can set up meetings anytime to discuss anything pertaining to your child
 - <https://echalk-slate-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/private/groups/82873/resources/1e22dc02-abc8-4d9a-9acc-e8a21d110e4c?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJSZKIBPXGFLSZTYQ&Expires=1985652388&response-cache-control=private%2C%20max-age%3D31536000&response-content-disposition=%3Bfilename%3D%22Parent%2520Engagement%2520FAQ%2520SY%25202022-%25202023%281%29.pdf%22&response-content-type=application%2Fpdf&Signature=LoQY3JZt432Rb7ynlhZcPISSgw%3D>



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- Questions:
 - Can students get working papers in the counselor's office?
 - No, you need to go to room 134
 - Do you provide a map of the school to new students?
 - We don't have a map but we can give them a tour if they come and ask; but this is a great idea of a resource we could add
 - What's the latest a student can enter class and not have to go to the auditorium?
 - Period 1: 8:00, period 2: 9:15, no cutoff on period 3 or on Fridays
 - How can a student graduate early if you need four years of ELA?
 - Depends on the student and where they are academically; some options are summer school or doubling up one semester
 - When is the best time to contact your guidance counselor about your child's schedule for next year?
 - Around May is when pre-programming happens
 - A lot of information is put on teams for students
 - Students are also given a survey about the classes they are interested in for the next year; this is usually mentioned in the newsletter and is a good time to reach out
 - If senior graduates early are they still allowed access to the school?
 - Still allowed to participate in senior activities but need permission to participate in clubs
 - When will history regents reflect the waiver?
 - The superintendent recently approved the waivers so they should show up on the transcripts soon
 - How do I know if my child has taken the correct courses for major?
 - Should discuss this with your counselor who can look up their most recent transcript
 - Transcripts can also be looked at on your nyc schools account
 - Will swimming as a PE class be back?
 - Yes, should be offered again next season

6:52 pm Teacher's corner with Mr. Capezzo

- Parent/teacher conferences Thursday, the 17th and Friday, the 18th
 - should sign up with your child's teachers in teams or email directly
- Marking period 2 ends in two weeks on December 2nd
 - this Friday you should receive a notice if your child is in danger of failing any classes
- Currently using GAMA to keep parent's apprised of grades
 - have your child tell their teacher if grades are not appearing



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- there are several extra steps to get grades to appear to parents that teachers might be forgetting
- Friday, the 18th is a red flag attendance day and we are giving free t-shirts to any students that attend
- Attendance initiative:
 - Students will receive an attendance report
 - blue means 100% attendance
 - green means 90% attendance
 - yellow means under 90%
 - If you get 10 consecutive weeks of perfect attendance (blue level) you get a blue wristband; 20 consecutive weeks of perfect attendance (white level) you get a white wristband; 30 consecutive weeks of perfect attendance (gold level) you get a t-shirt; 35 consecutive weeks of perfect attendance (platinum level) you get a grand prize
- Brothers Keeper Club is doing well
- Friday, the 18th is the senior trip to Dave and Busters
- Questions:
 - What is the GAMA website?
 - It is the DOE alternative to Pupilpath and can be found on your nycschools account under the assignments button
 - if you need a username and password for a nyc schools account you can contact Ms. Jebril or fill out the online form
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tyxJGEXvYUWFcQxC5fesB0tPGQs7ZYtFtpBt_eiYHkVUMEE4NlZlQjQ5UVc4S09NSkhTRjITNDl1Vy4u
 - I have 3/7 confirmations for conferences; should I be worried?
 - email the teacher, if that doesn't help contact your child's guidance counselor or Ms. Jebril or Mr. Robinson

7:05 pm President's message

- Thank you for attending
- Please try and get with teachers for conferences

7:06 pm Treasurer report

- Starting balance of \$2,180.35
- Ending balance of 2,291.19 due to since dues and interest income this month
- We are working on ideas to support school initiatives and are working with the school for ideas of where we can contribute
- Please donate to the PTA using the Cheddar Up link <https://alhs-pta-dues.cheddarup.com>, any amount is helpful



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- Delay on spending funds is due to not having enough people on the bank account but that should be rectified this week
- Questions:
 - Will the PTA contribute to the holiday food drive again this year?
 - Would be interested in doing this again

7:10 pm Secretary report

- please use the PTA email address abrahamlincolnhspta@gmail.com if you have any questions

7:11 pm Fundraising report

- No report

7:12 pm School details

- Conferences November 17th and 18th
- ½ day November 18th
- Toy drive begins November 21st
- Thanksgiving recess November 24th-25th
- FAFSA dinner November 29th
- Marking Period ends December 2nd
- Report cards available December 9th
- SAT December 3rd
- ACT December 10th
 - both SAT and ACT must be registered for through College Board not the DOE
- Football team playoff game November 19th

7:17 pm Title I Committee

- Mrs. Judith and Ms. Jebril working on a survey for topics parents might be interested in
- November 29th should be the first meeting

7:18 pm New Business

- upcoming PTA meetings can be found on the ALHS PTA website
<https://www.alhs.nyc/groups/82874/parents/pta>
- Questions:
 - Are gym uniforms mandatory?
 - Yes, students can contact Mr. Robinson or Mr. O'Connor if they are having trouble getting one
 - SAT's only for seniors?
 - No, 11th graders will take them the spring in March during the school week



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- that test is free
- 10th graders will take the PSAT on the same day
- Is the ACT exam free?
 - No
- Are there any SAT's offered that aren't on Saturdays outside the one in the Spring?
 - You will need to check the college board site for the schedule
- Should toys for the toy drive be unwrapped?
 - Yes, unwrapped and in the original packaging
 - We accept toys for any age
- Is the food drive still going on?
 - No
- Where do we take toys for the toy drive?
 - There is a bin at the front of the school but they can also be taken to rm 223
- If there is an error with a student's attendance how do you get that corrected?
 - Students can go to room 128A or parents can contact their guidance counselor

7:27 pm Meeting adjourned