

9/15/22 PTA general meeting minutes

6:00 pm meeting begins

Introduction of PTA executive board, SLT members, any staff present

6:05 pm Secretary reviewed the minutes from the June 2022 meeting

• can find a copy in the PTA section of the ALHS webpage

6:06 pm Principal Remarks

- update on the shooting incident on 9/9/22
 - the school took the necessary steps they are trained for which was a shelter-in; students/staff in the building were locked in classrooms; students on the field took shelter in the field house; safety officers made sure to check and shut all outer doors
 - o the shooter was apprehended and not a student at the school
 - \circ the student who was shot is ok and did a video for guidance counselors
 - apologizes that the letter that went out to parents was vague but it contained only the information the lawyers would allow them to release
 - been principal since 2004 and this is the first time gun shots were fired by the school
- opening of school went very well
 - because of the size of the school some students end up with holes in their schedules
 - should contact your student's guidance counselor with any programming concerns
- technology update
 - o because of the data breach last year Pupil Path will not be used this year
 - the DOE is developing their own student grade app but will not be ready until later this fall
 - o asks for parents to be patient until the app is up and running
- parents are urged to have their students join a club or teams
 - will be a club fair in October
 - contact the athletic director, Renan Ebeid <u>rebeid@schools.nyc.gov</u> for questions about sports
- every student at school should have a Lincoln Somebody
 - o students should always feel like they can talk to the principal
 - if there is a problems parents should start by contacting the parent coordinator, Leena Jebril <u>Lebril@schools.nyc.gov</u> or their students guidance counselor



- questions:
 - \circ what is the difference between and soft and hard lockdown?
 - hard lockdown is if there is a firearm in the school and everyone must take cover
 - soft lockdown is when there is no firearm and adult staff are allowed to be in the halls and can try to apprehend the suspect
 - shelter-in is when all the doors to the school are locked because there is danger outside of the school
 - hold is when you hold students in their classrooms until a problem is over
 - these types of incidences are very rare
 - $\circ \quad$ are there any safety transfers?
 - •yes but not if you feel generically unsafe
 - •ALHS is very safe with scanners and deans on every floor
 - •small number of fights last year in comparison to other years
 - with student tensions we try to find the cause with the help of social workers and deans and do mediations between the students; we try not to be punitive
 - how does a parent log in to Microsoft Teams to see their kid's grades?
 - Teams does not have a parent platform so parents cannot log in with their own login; the only solution is to use your student's login or wait for the new DOE grades app
 - the school was in the process of challenging some regent scores at the end of last year, what was the outcome of that?
 - waivers were given for kids who scored between a 50-64 so they don't have to repeat the regent
 - disappointed in the social studies scores and we are attributing that to the grading and the different attitudes between graders
 - Iooking at ways we can help the students who failed
 - o what are the different types of diplomas?
 - advanced regents diploma: passed 7 regent exams and passed advanced courses
 - ■regents diploma: passed 5 regents and 44 credits of classes
 - local diploma: special circumstances if they don't pass all 5 regents; usually for two year schools
 - not really a difference between the two regents diplomas; have never seen one benefit for college acceptance

6:34 pm Angel Cruz, NYU Langone Health Center Program Director

- provides medical and mental health regardless of insurance or citizenship
- sick or preventative care like sports physicals
- no copay or out of pocket cost



- open Monday Friday 8:30-3:30 in room B-8
- follows NYU Langone Covid policies so you must wear a mask in the clinic
- student must enroll to use health center <u>NYULangone.org/FHCSchoolHealth</u>; or can pick up an enrollment form in the Health Center
 - signing up doesn't change anything on your insurance or with your primary care doctor
- more information on the website at https://nyulangone.org/locations/family-health-centers-at-nyu-langone https://nyulangone.org/locations/family-health-centers-at-nyu-langone https://nyulangone.org/locations/family-health-centers-at-nyu-langone https://nyulangone.org/locations/family-health-centers-at-nyu-langone
- questions
 - can you do physicals for work papers or sports?
 •yes
 - can you do PPD testing?
 - yes, need to schedule an appointment
 - how do you collect medical records for college?
 - make an appointment and we can provide a copy of your records
 you can also access your records through MyChart
 - can anyone use the Health Center?
 - •the center is only for ALHS students

6:48 pm Teacher's Corner with Mr. Capizzo

- 7:00pm Saturday, September 24th football home opener
- 3 marking periods per each semester
 - each marking period is 6-7 weeks
 - first one ends October 21
- grades platform won't be rolled out until November so until then you should contact your child's individual teachers directly with questions
 - o can get their email addresses from your child or off the school website
- there will be a form in Teams if you need to request a DOE device
 - \circ $\,$ if your 9th grader still has their device from middle school they will not receive a new one
- club information will start to be posted around the school the week of September 19th
- announcements are done between 3rd and 4th period
- your student can buy gym uniforms on Fridays in the school store located in the cafeteria, the cost is \$50
- Covid vaccines are still required for high contact sports



- sport physical forms should be given directly to the coach
- there is no dress code at ALHS
 - there is a list at scanning of what is not allowed in the building
 - there is no official list of what can't be worn in the school; it just can't disturb education
- there are lockers for gym but they are not permanent per student so students will need to bring their gym uniform everyday
 - students should speak directly to their gym teachers if they have any questions
- school day is determined by the class schedule so not every student starts 1st period
- FAFSA event will be happening again this year
- senior calendar is posted on the ALHS website in the senior section
 - o senior dues are \$150
 - o contact Mr. Molina with any questions

7:04pm PTA President message

- Mr. Molina currently runs the school Instagram account alhsbklyn
 - lots of helpful information posted

7:05 pm Treasurer report

- reviews last year's annual PTA report
 - got a significant sum from fundraising, dues, and the covid vaccine referral program
 - spent money on graduation awards, food pantry donation, attendance committee contribution, and teachers appreciation event
 - ending balance \$2,229.47
- July/August ending balance \$2,180
- please donate to the PTA using the Cheddar Up link, any amount is helpful

7:15 pm Secretary report

please use the PTA email address <u>abrahamlincolnhspta@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions

7:15 pm Committee report



- the Bylaws Committee update the bylaws last year to conform to the new A-660 guidelines
- the Fundraising Committee will be amping up this year and reporting next month to the PTA
- if you are interested in volunteering for a committee please let us know

7:16 pm School details

- school contacts can be found on the ALHS parent resource page https://www.alhs.nyc/groups/82874/parents/resources
- if you can not get in touch with a teacher the best step is to contact your child's guidance counselor; if that is unsuccessful contact the parent coordinator or Mr. Robinson the Vice Principal before contacting the Principal
- if your child is sick contact their guidance counselor who will let their teachers know
- school follows the DOE calendar
 - o the calendar on the website is constantly updated
- conferences will be November 17th
 - they will be virtual but if you would like an in person conference you can contact your child's teachers to set one up

7:22 pm New Business

- Title I committee elections will be held during the October meeting
- Title I schools receive federal funds to be used for Title I students
 - the committee plans for workshops such as trivia nights, financial planning, cooking lessons, social emotional learning
- upcoming PTA meetings can be found on the ALHS PTA website <u>https://www.alhs.nyc/groups/82874/parents/pta</u>

7:25 pm Questions

- ALHS website has a lot of good information and is a good starting place for questions
- how to pay senior dues
 - student can drop them off with Mr. Molina (they will receive a receipt)
 - can pay online at the school store <u>https://osp.osmsinc.com/NYC/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List</u> <u>%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=NK410</u>
- what are the sports options?
 - can find a list on our profile at the PSAL website https://www.psal.org/profiles/school-profile.aspx#21501
- is there an option for Kosher food?
 - contact Mr. Robinson for more information
- do all kids enter through the same entrance?
 - yes, until after the start of 3rd period then they enter at the front of the school
- do you need to fill out a form for the Health Clinic every year?



- no, you only have to fill the form out once for four years
- do you need a new physical for working papers at both 16 and 17?
 - no, 16 will do for both years
- is there a way to fill out forms online?
 - o yes, ALHS uses Operoo, contact the parent coordinator, Ms. Jebril to sign up
- how do I access my DOE parent account?
 - contact Ms. Jebril to get your access code
- how long does a wait list transfer take?
 - o it takes about 48 hours

7:51pm Meeting adjourned