

Michael J. Petrides School

2021-22 PTA General Membership Meeting Log

Official Minutes



2021-22 Executive Board Members

PTA Co-Presidents: Antoinette Molinare & Janine McGinley
Executive Vice President: Jennifer Caravaglio
High School Co-Vice Presidents: Lisa Ruiz & Jamie Burmaster
Middle School Co-Vice President: Racquel Doherty & Sinjie Nassimi
Elementary School Vice President: April Sinclair
Co-Treasurers: Karol Rojas & Danielle Cecero
Early Childhood VP - Karen Ortega & Maria Bird
Co-Corresponding Secretary - Maria Gagliardi & Tanisha Littrel
Recording Secretary: Jillian Auer

September 15, 2021 - Minutes

Opening:

The virtual PTA Executive Board Meeting for the Michael J. Petrides School was called to order at 7:06 PM on September 29, 2021 using Google Meet/Zoom (ID

Current Members Present:

Jeanine McGinley, PTA Co-President
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Jennifer Caravaglio, Executive VP
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Jamie Burmaster, High School Co-VP.
Racquel Doherty, Middle School Co-VP
Sinjie Nassimi, Middle School Co-VP
April Sinclair, Elementary School Co-VP
Karol Rojas, Co-Treasurer
Danielle Cecero, Co-Treasurer
Jillian Auer, Recording Secretary

Members Absent:

Loria Raiola-Trapp, Corresponding Secretary (**resigned**)

Pledge

Handouts/Links:

Agenda Link
Treasurer Report Link
Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion: Previous meeting minutes were presented to membership for approval.

Motion: To approve minutes. Approved by Jade ; second by Kerry

Treasurer's Report - Karol Rojas

Discussion: Previous meeting minutes were presented to membership for approval.

Motion: To approve the treasurer report. Approved by Kerry; second by Danielle

Contributions

Discussion: Donations to the PTA. Fliers have gone out. Any amount is appreciated as we replenish what we were not able to raise in the last few years. Accepting cash and checks. Appreciated.

Sunflowers:

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_____ **Discussion:** October 13 is the deadline to send in pictures and measurements. Announcement will be made October 20th.

Chocolate Sales (Karol):

_____ **Discussion:** Hoping to start soon. Sending letters out shortly and hope to extend to early November. The fliers will be going out to request boxes.

Fall Pies:

_____ **Discussion:** Holterman's Bakery. Will be all picked up this year. Letter will go out on November 1st, and will be due 7 days before the break. Pick up day will be 2 times (earlier and later in the afternoon) Thinking 1:30-3:30 and 6:00 - 8:00 Outside gates.

Principal for a Day:

_____ **Discussion:** Will be doing one for grammar school, middle school and high school.

K Fashion Show:

_____ **Discussion:** Ms. Buckheit is putting together last year's footage. Looking into working out what this will look like this year.

Sr. Fashion Show:

_____ **Discussion:** Plan to get quotes and commitments to volunteer. Email will go out and request for help.

Square 1:

_____ **Discussion:** Will go out in March for May deliveries.

Sr. Essay:

_____ **Discussion:** There are 2 essay contests. One from the Federation and one from our PTA. We will need a committee to choose the winners. Volunteers should be non-PTA board members and non-High School parents. \$1,000 for each winner. Confidential and Anonymous. Will send out letters when due.

Board Members Needed:

_____ **Discussion:** We need corresponding secretaries and Early Childhood V.P Please send an email or let us know if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else. You can also send a message to the school addressed to the PTA. October 11th deadline so we can vote next meeting.

Juicy Lucy:

_____ **Discussion:** Not going to happen for Trunk or Treat. They want a 50 car minimum. We are looking for possible alternatives, we are very limited with the restrictions.

Principals Address - Ms. Buckheit

_____ **Discussion:** Introducing the teachers present at this meeting. Introduced Mr. Weiss, the new middle school guidance counselor. Learning Loss/Trauma for all NYC schools are funded at 100%. 14 additional teachers and middle school guidance counselors for social/emotional. Increased the 6th grade classes. Recognized how long it has been. Kids will need to get to know teachers and students all over again after all this time. Ms.

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Souffrin is putting together Goose Chase challenges. Scavenger hunts to get to know the school and each other. Freshman/Sophomore are doing similar. We will have new staff / creative programming: 60 periods of intervention & academic services. Available for middle school and high school also. Teachers are pushing forward with grade level work and will offer these additional services to bring them to grade level.

14 year plan and the school is committed to having the full experience. We are losing many 8th graders to programs in other schools with fancy names. We are doing exit interviews for it all. Hospitality, marketing/media, entrepreneurs, different academies. Elective courses and summer/athletics. Getting the information out esp to 8th graders to know we have exciting programming for their High School Careers. Will have media days / pep rally etc.

Covid - The beginning of the year was a bit rough. No remote option so everyone is in school. Please understand that there are no decisions being made at the school level. Positive results do not shut down the class but quarantine those closest to the positive person. Social distance / face covering is still required. Random testing adds a layer of protection and started this week. Unvaccinated people and those that have consent forms on file. DOE believes the vaccination is an important level of protection. Monday all teachers must be vaccinated and all visitors / delivery persons entering the school. Parents of sick children / urgent business etc will be allowed in for very short periods of time but the expectation is that everyone in the building is vaccinated 12 and over are encouraged to get vaccinated. Those looking to upload vaccination records can log the child in with a DOE email or see Mr. Tabbittis to help upload a vax certificate. Close contact - a couple of cases since the beginning of school. Last year there were 10-15 children per class and were not changing. This year its a bit more difficult. DOE announced that no quarantine needed for the entire school since the expectation is they have kept distant and wore a mask. Kids who sat around the positive child

Membership question: Concern is that there is no remote option and attendance. At the start of the year, there was only absence or present. They have added codes (as they had last year) for those forced to quarantine now and will correct those that were marked absent before the codes were introduced. As long as school work was accessed and attempted, they will be marked present. Again, school level is not making decisions. Situation room is making contact rules.

Membership question: How many teachers are at risk with the vaccination mandate for employees? Ms. B can not release the exact numbers but notes that the numbers that were released recently by a public figure were not only wrong but irresponsible to announce. She expects minimal disruption and it seems to be going the way of minimal issues for our coverage.

Membership question: Regarding social distancing, we see photos of children working together. Ms. B notes there are various layers of protection to try as hard as we can to safely allow us to work together. Many times the photo ops we see are exactly that.

Email distribution lists are going from the electronic digital emergency ards that were posted. Petridesschool.com and always posted in blasts.

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Discussion: Halloween Party - can we discuss Miller Field/park. We are looking into all of our options but not only do we need to follow certain DOE regulations but we are also required to follow PTA Federation rules and limitations as well.

Denial of consent? Petrides has made a decision to attempt to call parents before the child is tested although this can not be guaranteed each time. They will NOT test a child in distress or highly stressed about the process. They would like to attempt a level of communication with the families about it. They can not leave a message about this information. New forms for consent are in place. You can log in to change your consent decision, email assistant principal or send a letter into the school. As of October 1st all consents are deleted and will need to be submitted again.

Can children/parents have an option to have child in isolated spot or submit consent for their child to remove the mask? No, DOE sees masks as an important layer of safety in the school and mask may it be removed.

Are they allowed to remove outdoors? Mask breaks are recommended and will continue to take advantage of our outside spaces everyday. If you feel like your child is having difficulty or not getting enough mask breaks, reach out to principals.

Electronic Devices? The school sees the programs as a good thing and wants to keep them in the classroom to a certain extent. Teachers want to use the tech and originally thought having the children bring in would be the best option. School is awaiting 200 chrome books and 562 chrome books. We would have more than enough to supply children with in school. 4th Grade/Ms. Hession says they were scared in the beginning that they would be quarantined and not have a way to teach. They have learned a lot of good things and want to use them, not all of the time. But should be able to do what they want without the children traveling with the tech from home.

Sporting Events - Crowd limits up to 200 people. Vaccinations to attend - marketing/ sports media programs will be organizing and advertising.

Orientations for new students to the school, please send emails to Ms. B or school VP.

Soles for Souls - Mr. Lazolli asking visitors to bring in donations of new shoes/donations.

Adjournment

Meeting is unanimously adjourned and the zoom meeting is closed at 8:18pm. The next PTA meeting will help virtually via Zoom Meeting. October 20th at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Minutes transcribed by:

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October 20, 2021 - Minutes

Opening:

The virtual PTA Executive Board Meeting for the Michael J. Petrides School was called to order at 7:07 PM on October 20, 2021 using Google Meet/Zoom

Current Members Present:

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Jennifer Caravaglio, Executive VP
Lisa Ruiz, High School Co-VP
Jamie Burmaster, High School Co-VP.
Racquel Doherty, Middle School Co-VP
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Karol Rojas, Co-Treasurer
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Members Absent:

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Motion: To approved Septemberer minutes. Approved by Kerry; second by Haya

Treasurer's Report - Karol Rojas

Discussion: Previous Treasurer Report was presented to membership for approval.

Motion: To approve October treasury report. Approved by Ruth; second by Haya

Family Contributions

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Discussion: Thank you for the donations. We have had some employee matching donations, please ask to be sure.

Sunflower Competition

Discussion: Congrats to Preston and the Lee Family!! They have won 4 tickets to the Snug Harbor Lantern Festival for planting the fundraiser sunflowers last spring. They were the tallest of all those who sent in measurements and pictures.



Spirit Week

Discussion: Next week is spirit week. Monday is Super Hero, Tuesday - Jersey/Sports, Wednesday - Pep Rally/Petrides Gear, Thursday - Pajamas, Friday - Halloween / Disney Day. Friday will also be the Wonderwalk (10/29) - Spirit T-shirts should be in my Monday/Tuesday in time for the Pep Rally.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Discussion: Started Monday and ends November 15th - we have been steadily getting in slips.

Picture Day

Discussion: November 8th - preK to 4th --- November 12th - 5th to 11th (half day) Election Day will be senior retake. A message will go out in the e-blast.

Pies For Panthers

Discussion: We will be working with Holterman's Bakery again this year. Membership can order. There will be 2 different pick up times in the quad. Tuesday Nov 23rd 1:45-3:00 and 5:30 - 7:00. Fliers will go out on November 1st

Amazon Smile

Discussion: Reminder to add a bookmark for Petrides. We will make 5% on orders you are already buying. Connect Petrides as your charity on smile.amazon.com

New Board Members

Discussion: We have had some submissions for the open position of Early Childhood Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. Bth positions allow for 2 co-positions so no vote is needed.

Early Childhood VP - Karen Ortega and Maria Bird

Corresponding Secretary - Maria Gagliardi and Tanisha Littrel

Soles For Souls

Discussion: Mr. Lezoli is collecting. We will get more information or you can reach out to him.

Principal's Address - Ms. Buckheit

Discussion: Correction Picture Day for 5-10th is November 10th. Admissions for next year's transitioning grades are happening soon. Entering any grade can stay through to complete High School here. They have the right to their seat but must complete the city-wide application process. 8th Grade may have already received the Welcome to High School application. Some things are being planned to invite parents to discuss how to do it.

Covid Protocols: Testing is being done on a weekly basis. 10% of the population's non-vaxxed staff and students are present in the school.. There are currently no non-vaxxed staff. It is not mandatory to consent this year. Permissions can be removed at no consequence. Media has been false, it is not true there is no quarantine. Quarantine now is only those closely seated to the positive person and all those students that are on a bus with the positive person. Note sent home says students can test after the 5th day and can return on the 8th day. Parents should check with the school, not the situation room.

Mandate Staffing Impact - Our school community has been affected a little but not much. Almost all spots are covered, feel free to reach out to assistant principals if you have questions.

Assessment - Your children will come home with a notice about benchmark assessments. The intention is to identify learning loss. It is statewide and the school will be in touch. They have been putting programs into place to help with loss - tutoring etc. K-10 will also be tested in ELA and Math.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be the week of November 8th and will all be virtual.

Spirit Week - t-shirt sales were short due to delivery. Will be in kids hands no later than Tuesday. All students will participate in Wednesday's Pep Rally event. We have made Friday Disney Day as well as Halloween since it would help to include Middle and High School

Homecoming

Discussion: It is this Friday night. There are crowd limits of 200 (no spectators for indoor sports) They will be honoring 40 senior athletes so it is expected that the limit will be filled quickly. Arrive early.

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Member Question: Do Vaccinated kids need to be quarantined? No, vaccinated kids or adults do not need to quarantine. Vaccinations should be uploaded, especially sports team children. You can let the school know if you are vaccinated and get contacted.

Member Question: There is no teacher for 2 weeks in Junior AP Writing, is there a plan? This placement has not been easy to find so there have been staffing changes and Ms. Matos will take over these classes by Friday. Those classes, the children will be graded by prior work as it is recognized this is a difficult situation.

Member Question: Are uniforms still required? Yes, as a community we agreed that uniforms would be the best option for our school. There is no disciplinary code and the rule doesn't have teeth but we trust that we can all come together and abide by this agreement. The uniform rule ends at 8th grade based on feedback. Teachers have tried very hard, especially when their students are little to reward those who are wearing their uniforms regularly.

Member Question: Who is in charge of crossing guards? The school is in the 122 but under the overpass is the 120. They have made some changes and made stop signs more visible, painted lines. State DOT will be called at members' suggestion to clean sidewalks that are blocked by overgrowth.

Member Question: Do AP credits transfer for college? There are tests at the end of the class that will give students varying amounts of college credits. There is also a college NOW program. Kingsborough College and CSI have a relationship with the school and students can also go take classes there.

Member Question: Is there a maximum amount of college credits a student can leave with? There is no maximum, but it would depend on the time and dedication of the student. They start offering Sophomore year, as they continue, they are offered both in school and in the college PLUS AP classes. A student has left with 18 college credits in the past, but that was not the norm.

Member Question: Do we still have ROTC? We do not anymore. Our small school community could not maintain the strict amount required. The number was 80 students every year. Petrides was actually responsible for having the law changed and requirement reduced to 40 but we consistently only had 35-39 so they dropped us from the program.

Member Question: Can 8th graders come to games and see what is involved in being in HS here? There are crowd limits so it is difficult now for games. Some classes have been moved around to allow 8th graders to start co-mingling with HS floors. High School is more active on IG to show other grades what they are up to. The sports management program analyzed it.

Member Question: Will there be Test Prep after school? Usually yes before and after to review the format of the test. They trust that class are preparing them enough.

Member Question: Will there be an option to opt out? We are not expecting there to be an opt-out or testing this year since all are in school.

Adjournment:

Meeting is unanimously adjourned and the zoom meeting is closed at 8:02pm. The next PTA meeting will help virtually via Zoom Meeting on November 17th at 7:00pm

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November 17, 2021 - Minutes

Opening:

The virtual PTA Executive Board Meeting for the Michael J. Petrides School was called to order at 7:05 PM on November 17, 2021 using Google Meet/Zoom

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Lisa Ruiz, High School Co-VP
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Members Absent:

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Discussion: Previous meeting minutes were presented to membership for approval.

Motion: To approve October minutes. Approved by Kerry; second by Haya

Treasurer's Report - Karol Rojas

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Chocolate Sales

Discussion: Chocolate sales closed this week. We are down to 11 boxes and collected a full 155 boxes worth. The top seller's prize is small this year as opposed to other years, our current winner has now sold the most for the 2nd year in a row. We would like to add an additional \$50 Amazon Card.

Pies for Panthers

Discussion: Fliers went out the 1st week of November. Pick up at quad. Jamie Burmaster is chairing this event. Ast day is tomorrow. Quad pick up times as 1:45 - 3:00 and 5:30-7:00. As long as someone picks up at these times.

Sock Fundraiser

Discussion: Parents buy the silly socks, on a website and they are delivered. Would the school be agreeable to having a Silly Sock Day, to celebrate. We will give out more details once we have more information.

Board & Brush

Discussion: Board and Brush owner is a Petrides alumni. He is willing to give back 20% for the event and have Petrides themed designs. Possibly the last Thursday of January (27th) Offering possibly second item for reduced price. 56 seats available and possibility of a 2nd night.

Pretzel Day

Discussion: Pretzel distributors are willing to individually wrap the pretzels. Sale will be at dismissal (Quad & Busser Dooc, possibly other spots) \$2.00 per pretzel - we will let you know the dates once we have confirmation. 1x per month. This will be different than the past and the PTA will be running and selling them outside of the school.

Night of Change (NOC)

Discussion: We are in the planning stages. Most likely Late March. Early April. We are accepting any donations you may have. Please email the PTA. Any unwanted gifts.

Amazon Smile

Discussion: Please link Petrides to your Amazon account by using Amazon Smile during your holiday shopping.

Senior Prom

Discussion: We hope to have it this year. There is a deposit at the Hilton but there is no solid date. Inching forward as if it will happen but need to wait for more information from DOE.

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Principal's Address

Discussion: Thank you to the staff for coming, quick introduction of who is in attendance. Last week were the virtual Parent Teacher Conferences. The marking period ends on Friday. PTC was before report cards were in hand, but reached out to teachers if any further questions. All report cards (1-12) will be in December. If you didn't have a PTC, email Ms. B or the component VP.

Covid Vax Van

Discussion: Pop up sites are scheduled all over the city to help any parents who would like their 5-12 year old vaccinated. The process is a parent/guardian would need to take the child into the A building and sign them up. Once the paperwork and consents are complete, they go out to the van for the vaccination. All children must be with their parents/guardian, teachers are not taking the children to be vaccinated.

First Sip & Share

Discussion: The purpose was to introduce social/emotional support. Social worker, 2 psychologists, substance abuse counselor, 3 guidance counselors. Historically, whole child, calm & positive to enjoy positive memories have always been important to Petrides. There are procedures in place: Stamford Harmony Approach, buddy up activities to discuss favorite animal etc. Restore 360 for older kids to learn more about relationship building. Favorite color and birth month. Student driven/ listening to ideas. High School girls have some ideas such as Mindful Mondays, Wind Down Wednesdays. Mindfulness strategies to focus. The also proposed less homework on Wednesdays =)

Kinds are in trainings with Psychologists to create videos/ through PA systems etc. Write up proposals. Lunchtime groups/ stress management/ anger management/ anxiety/ self expression through art; kids self identify what would be best for them.

DESSA Screening

Discussion: DOE Devero Student Strength. Teachers fill it out about the child. Not much different than what teachers normally do and look for, just a more formal way of collecting the data. Rankings/Questions such a rarely/never/frequently, questions such as:

- Does student continue to try when unsuccessful
- Say good things about themselves
- Routine tasks without reminder
- Gets work done in a timely fashion.

Member question: How often will this be done and where does the information go? We believe it is only to be done once and the information doesnt go anywhere - it is more to collect a whole picture to creator programs (most programs were already in the act of being created by the school) and to look into which children would succeed with which programs. The school does not believe the information will be formally released to the parent but the teachers will let you know if the student is having difficulty or not pushing themselves, as they have always done. This will allow teachers and the school to offer

more help where needed and helps to know which tools and tricks to offer. Teachers will communicate to parents if they recommend any particular program, as they always have.

Open Forum:

Discussion:

Karol Rojas would like to add that she appreciated the Sip and Share and it helped to put her at ease especially to put the face to a name. She would like to praise counselors and their preventive measures.

SAPES (Substance Abuse and Prevention Education Specialist) sounds scarier than it is but it is actually about learning good decisions making healthy habits in the young, then they are less likely to go to unhealthy decisions.

High School Open house video is available on the website. Elementary and 6th grade applied? 400 on the waitlist. Do not do much outreach for those components because of it. The waitlist actually expires before the school year starts/before registration. There is a waitlist for each grade. Reputation usually keeps most seats filled.

Adjournment:

Meeting is unanimously adjourned and the zoom meeting is closed at 7:56pm. The next PTA meeting will help virtually via Zoom Meeting on December 16th at 7:00pm

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December 15, 2021 - Minutes

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Treasurer's Report

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AMENDMENT NEEDED NEXT MEETING - AFTER MEETING IT HAS COME TO BOARDS ATTENTION THAT OLDER TREASURY REPORT WAS REVIEWED.

Pies For Pathers

Discussion: We sold 90 pies at \$20 per pie and made 9 times more profit than last year. Our profit on pies was \$814 profit and the cornbread made \$46 profit! Our plan for next year is to promote more since many said they did not know about it. Pick up worked well but will try to have some pies available to but without the pre order. Holtermans canceled the entire order ast minute. Thank you Jamie Burmaster for working hard to find a bakery that was able to fulfil our order last minute. We will try to stick with the new bakery as the pies were more substantial for the money and we made a larger profit.

Night Of Chances (NOC)

Discussion: We were trying hard to have it on campus but with the further restrictions and vaccination mandates, it does not look like that will happen. We are planning to have it any way we can and continue to prepare. We are looking into off premises venues. Donations are welcome as you may receive extra presents or things you may not use. Anyone that would like to donate a basket, we also welcome that. Looking into April 1st or the 8th. Possible room rentals - Salem Church or Emanuel Church gym (holds 335 people) Spoke to the Elks club but they wont hold enough. We usually have almost 200-250 people.

Silly Socks Fundraiser

Discussion: Company we chose will send us the inventory to have in-school and sell when money is given in. We are able to send back any that do not sell so we are not losing money. We intend to make a board of all the sock options so the children can actually see the socks and choose which they would like to buy. There is also a buy online option. School has agreed to have a silly sock day (maybe when the weather is warmer to show off the silly socks. Sale will run for 1 week.

Pretzel Day

Discussion: Pretzels will be \$2.00 - PTA will be selling them at dismissal starting about 1:45. Pretzels are individually wrapped, fliers will go out soon. They will be sold in the quad, at the bus door and at the HS doors. Ms. Souffrin said they will release the bussers a little early to allow a few extra minutes to buy. Busses leave at 2:32

Senior Fashion Show

Discussion: Lisa and Jamie are working on details. They will have more to share after the holidays, at the January meeting.

Senior Essay Contest

Discussion: PTA holds an essay contest yearly where seniors can win a cash prize. Topic will be sent out. Scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to 4 students.

Principal's Report - Ms. Ponzi & Ms. Souffrin

Social Media - Social Media threats have been an issue throughout the island. Anything brought to the schools attention was reported directly to the NYPD who responded and came to the school. No credible threat to our school at all.

Member question: Why do parents have to wait to be contacted when children are calling and asking to be picked up because they are scared? Ms. Ponzi answered. With each thing that is brought to their attention they must interact with school safety, NYPD, DOE etc and be sure they have all the information before getting that information out to anyone. A 'master call' blast was sent out as soon as they were able - if you didn't get a call, contact someone at the school (secretary / VP) to be sure you are added. Ms. Souffrin added that they want to get information out as soon as possible, but they must follow certain protocols which they do as quickly as possible in order to get the information out as fast as they can.

Holiday Season / School Spirit Week - Starting next week (Monday 12/20)
Monday - Flannel Day Tuesday - Holiday Hat/Character Wednesday - Holiday Sweater
Thursday - PJ Day. There are some school competitions going on like Door competitions, Gingerbread and flat snowman. The middle school is getting hats to decorate and bring out on hat day.

Open Forum - Q&A

Member Question: Why aren't teachers reaching out when a child is not doing well, submitting homework etc, why are parents only finding out when the report cards come? Ms. Souffrin asks if the parent is on pupil path where she can see what is missing. Also, teachers should be reaching out as well if child is very behind. She will look into this specific instance and get back to her.

Member Question: Where can a parent fax a negative Covid test in order to get child out of quarantine? Parent can call the school and send it in.

Member Question: Where can parents send in child vaccination proof? Parents can upload it to the vaccination portal at vaccine.schools.nyc or send a picture to the school and the secretary will upload it to the file for them. The student will automatically be dropped from the random testing list once their vaccination status is confirmed. Anyone who feels their child is not being tested, COVID consent expired on September 27th so you may need to log on and sign a new consent.

Member Question: Are you finding that consent percentages are getting lower with vaccines going up. The numbers are changing but not a lot. They do need to random test 10% of unvaccinated population so those numbers are going down.

Adjournment:

Meeting is unanimously adjourned and the zoom meeting is closed at 7:56pm. The next PTA meeting will help virtually via Zoom Meeting on December 16th at 7:00pm

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February 16, 2022 - Minutes

Opening:

The virtual PTA Executive Board Meeting for the Michael J. Petrides School was called to order at 7:16 PM on February 16, 2022 using Google Meet/Zoom.

Current Members Present:

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Antoinette Molinare, Co-President
Jamie Burmaster, High School Co-VP.
Racquel Doherty, Middle School Co-VP
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Members Absent:

Jennifer Caravaglio, Executive VP
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Tanisha Littrel - Corresponding Secretary

Pledge

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Approval of Minutes from November Meeting

Discussion: Previous meeting minutes were not present for this meeting. We will

Motion: To approve November minutes. Approved by Kerry; second by Carla

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: Previous Treasurer Report was presented to membership for approval. Income from chocolate \$653 Ice Skating - \$1930 Socks \$1266. \$3849 total - expenses with \$3 for paper statements. \$19,710.01 + \$5305,92 CD

Motion: To approve treasury report. Approved by Kerry; second by Jade Hession

Principals Report

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Discussion: Ms. Souffrin speaks for Ms. Buckheit who is at parent night about the college applications. Staff speak about support sessions - teacher volunteer . In Person/virtual/ academic / social emotional. Connect with teachers and counselors. A calendar will be included in the e-blast.

Mr. Weiss gives a presentation of a session he called "Spotsa & Sorts" covering sports news - student interest - logo and meanings. Not all tutoring" Strength and conditioning, hw help, 1980's

Ms. Kambouris (Kindergarten) discusses where kids should be and the K sessions are addressing whats falling behind. Children are not firm on their letters and sounds, focus on what to do with letters and sounds - seeing tiny improvements as they dont rely on mom and dad. Hopefully in March formal assessments they will see a jump. There is currently virtual/remote and teachers can/will pull children from PAL for further instructions. They are currently not able to pull bussers or walkers but hope to be able to show those kids more time in class since they would have worked with the PAL children during that time.

Old Business

Discussion:

Vote - PTA Board needs to have membership vote on if we will be getting an ATM Bank card. (we would prefer to not have one at this time) 23 vote no bank card / no opposed

Motion: We will not be getting a ATM Bank Card at this time and will update our bylaws to show.

Vote - PTA Board need to have membership vote on if we will use a Zelle/ Venmo account. 23 Vote yes to Venmo/Zelle account - no opposed

Motion - PTA Board will open a Zelle/Venmo account to collect money. We will add this to our bylaws.

World's Finest Chocolate

Discussion: We sold 192 boxes of chocolate. We currently have 39 boxes outstanding. Our profit was \$11,506 we are paid \$23 per box. Conservatively our net profit is \$3,891. Thank you Karol and Danielle, Angela and Lindsey for helping so much with this fundraiser that was made more difficult without parents and board allowed in school.

Sock Sale

Discussion: This was a BIG hit! Angela & Lindsey did a great job selling and helping the children. Great Idea April, we will hope to keep this as a yearly fundraiser. The company shipped 299 pairs of socks. We sold 231 pairs, gross \$1266. Expense \$831.66 with net profit of \$434.40

Ice Skating Fundraiser

Discussion: Very successful event. The pavilion gave 100% profit directly to the school. \$1930 profit - 193 students from PreK to HS.

Sr. Fashion Show

Discussion: Ms. B took a survey of Seniors and only 7 were willing to participate in the event this year.

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Motion: Sr. Fashion Show will be canceled for this year. We will revisit this event next year.

Sr. Essay Contest

Discussion: The essays information is out. It has been handed out and is posted. They will announce this opportunity to the students at Thursdays senior assembly. Due Tuesday March 1st.

Night Of Changes

Discussion: quotes are being collected and a lot is still up in the air Indoor/outdoor space. June 10th or June 1st. Will try to push out for the weather. We are accepting donations.

Board & Brush

Discussion: Racquel discusses this new fundraiser. March 10th from 6:30-9:30. Place is owned by an alum and will return 20% of profits to the school. Fun night out - wood art event -
Question from membership - When you book seats, can you select items. Yes, you are given options on the website - if they are not personalized, you may have the opportunity to change the night of.

Square 1

Discussion: Jill discusses, the box is enroute to the school. Unfortunately with shipping delays and other difficulties, we will not have them in time for Mothers Day but school will ship are back to the company by 4/6 - school will receive the order catalogs 4/25. Deadline to order is 5/9 and school will received items that did not choose ship to home by 5/25

4th Grade Graduation

Discussion: Ms Souffrin says they are not ready to plan - waiting on guidance - hearing large events must show proof of vaccination.

Open Forum

Member: Jade Smith has a contact for PTA to look into DIY terrarium kits she will send information into the PTA email.

Adjournment:

Meeting is unanimously adjourned and the zoom meeting is closed at 7:58pm. The next PTA meeting will help virtually via Zoom Meeting on March16th at 7:00pm

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March 24, 2022 - Minutes

Opening:

The virtual PTA Executive Board Meeting for the Michael J. Petrides School was called to order at 7:21 PM on March 24, 2022 using Google Meet/Zoom.

Current Members Present:

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Antoinette Molinare, Co-President
Jennifer Caravaglio, Executive VP
Lisa Ruiz, High School Co-VP

April Sinclair, Elementary School Co-VP
Jillian Auer, Recording Secretary
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Members Absent:

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Tanisha Littrel - Corresponding Secretary (**RESIGNED**)

Pledge

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Approval of Minutes from November Meeting

Discussion: Previous meeting minutes were distributed to membership.

Motion: To approve February minutes. Approved by Tara Ruggerio; second by Jade Hession

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: Previous Treasurer Report was presented to membership for approval. Income: Amazon smile - \$52.01 Pretzels made a total of \$1053 - \$350 for the pretzels. End balance \$19,962.02 + CD \$5,306.11

Motion: To approve treasury report. Approved by Carla; second by Jade Hession

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In-School Event

Discussion: Member suggests basketball player show. Interactive and uplifting. Can take place in the gym/auditorium. There is a discount if more than 1 show is planned. She will pass information on to the PTA for the school. \$1,00 for 45 minute show. Discount of \$500 if 2nd show planned. 8th period maybe? Will discuss with school.

Principals Report

Discussion: Colleagues watched students to see what they have been doing in Ms Kambouris' class. Test prep units - next week is ELA and next month is math. Saw great things. In Ms Hession's class, they were grading sample short responses and discussions 3rd - 8th grade ELA March 28-29 Math april 26-27. Many teachers have been doing extra prep. Student support sessions.

We acknowledge the change in mask protocols. This has made a difference in classrooms and have been back to some pre-covid type work with social distancing being a bit relaxed.

The school will be doing its best to recognize milestone years. Specific dates and information will be given to parents. Working on in-person events citywide, indoor vaccinations requirements are still on for DOE, so Petrides is pushing for outdoor events but are still waiting for more information.

College office - Mr. Olah

Discussion: In-person junior college night and junior parent college night . Hosting in-person college and career nights for freshman and sophmores. Decision Day May 1st. SAT next week SAT/PSAT March 23rd. Friday June 10th is alumni Day. June 11th - Alumni Golf Outing. Sunday June 12th Alumni Family Day. Trying to absorb as many of the costs as possible and doing it on campus when possible.

Swim

Discussion: April starts tryouts for 1st and 2nd. Vaccinations standard or PCR. Goes from 1st to 8th grade

Soccer Program

Discussion: Currently looking for girls under 12 for team.

Adjournment:

Meeting is unanimously adjourned and the zoom meeting is closed at 8:06pm. The next PTA meeting will help virtually via Zoom Meeting on April 13th at 7:00pm

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April 13, 2022 - Minutes

Opening:

The virtual PTA Executive Board Meeting for the Michael J. Petrides School was called to order at 7:05 PM on April 13, 2022 using Google Meet/Zoom.

Current Members Present:

Jeanine McGinley, PTA Co-President
Antoinette Molinare, Co-President
Jennifer Caravaglio, Executive VP
Lisa Ruiz, High School Co-VP
Racquel Doherty, Middle School Co-VP
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Members Absent:

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Approval of Minutes from November Meeting

Discussion: Previous meeting minutes were distributed to membership.

Motion: To approve March minutes. Approved by Kerry Zamminer; second by Carla Celebioglu

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: Previous Treasurer Report was presented to membership for approval.

Motion: To approve the March Treasure Report. Approved by Jade Hession; second by Kerry Zamminer.

Night Of Chance

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Discussion: May 20th at 7:00 - doors open at 6:30 at the Veranda at Silver Lake. There was \$760 left from the other years that will go towards the grade the children are in this year. If there isn't enough, we will bundle more than 1 grade together.

Level 1 - \$25-\$75

Level 2 - \$75-\$150

Level 3 - \$150-\$300

Level 4 - \$300+

4:00 we will start set up - Volunteers are welcome. Menu is the biggest change - food will be to purchase (between \$12-\$15) and drinks to purchase including soda, coffee etc) \$600 for the rental including set up. Bundles are \$45 but you can buy a la carte - we would love to see teachers there.

Member: Is there a list of what businesses we have already been given donations from so membership can ask without going to the same places? There is a running record of those we have. Anyone who would like to help, we will send the list as well as the tax exempt letter.

Member: Do we need baskets, like actual baskets to pack in - Yes, we would be happy to have anything that you are willing to donate. We are also in need of small end products (\$25-\$150)

Jack Ryan

Discussion: Positive feedback. He does additional camps over the summer etc.

Pretzels

Discussion: Going well, next will be tomorrow May 11th.

New Business

Discussion: Nominations and Elections are coming up. The Form to nominate will be on the PTA page. This is for the Executive Board and the Student Leadership Team. Nomination deadline is April 22nd for the May 18th election. Next meeting you will need to pre-register to allow for votes to be anonymous. Next meeting we will have a proposed budget.

Plant Sale

Discussion: May 6th - Starts at 9am. The school will give our a schedule. We will send our plant list and cost beforehand.

Teacher Appreciation

Discussion: Planning the week of May 5th - possibly 3 days of the week.

Ferryhawks

Discussion: \$15 tickets and the PTA will get \$3.00 per tickets. Trying for a 2 for Tuesday where everything is buy 1 get one free.

Michael Ollis Memorial Day Game

Discussion: Baseball game vs Curtis. Will sell raffles and the money goes towards the Michael Ollis Fund. Will be a good night out for the family.

K & 1st Fashion Show Update

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Discussion: Kindergarteners and 1st Graders didnt get their chance so we will be doing it together. Outside of school on a weeknight in June. Waiting for the school to approve the date. It will be at Flagship Brewery. Children can dress up - interviews - candy bouquets - snacks - We will send out more information.

Mr Cucuzza, Coordinator of Student Activities Requests From PTA

Discussion: Garden Club allocated \$5,000 Soda bottle Green House, Billions Oyster Project etc. He is requesting additional funds for an 8ft fence to protect the garden from deer etc. Habitat For Humanity will work her instead of some of their other volunteer work to give back to the school community. \$2900. Gardening club is HS level but wants to expand to more grades. Donate food - use in cafe - get been - will be used for years to come. PTA Asks: Is this something we should be adding to the budget for yearly expense - Soil, seeds and plants for other years. Please submit a proposed number for the budget to go forward. Mr. Cucuzza suggests it will be \$200-\$300. Karol suggests adding \$500 to the budget for this and we will analyze costs going forward.

MOTION: Vote to approve adding \$500 to the budget for upkeep of soil, seeds and plants yearly for the Gardening Club garden. **Vote 24 in meeting - All approved, None Opposed. Motion approved to add \$500 to the yearly budget for the Petrides Garden**

Member Question: This should be up and running after the break but who will keep it going during the summer? Mr. Cucuzza will with with the gardening club to try to work it through the summer. DC37 kids go to the school year round and may be able to keep it up. Promise that it will not be allowed to go barren. Karol requests that Mr. Cucuzza gives the receipts to Angela.

Mr Cucuzza, Coordinator of Student Activities Requests From PTA

Discussion: Veterans event by Michael ollis statue. District wide ceremony with vets from every hs - awards - wreath laying ceremony. Would like to have this for memorial day as well. Can the PTA allocate \$500-\$600 to include all schools for this living memorial. Need \$ for breakfast and wreaths. Gold Star Families. Monday May 23rd. Question to Treasurers: Do we have these types of funds available. Students will be involved - Middle / Chorus / council for unity / production. Every HA has 4-6 representatives and ROTC will be coming. This is the way to honor the fallen but would love to do for Veterans Day as well. Last year, SI Advance was called but did not show Asking if PTA had any connections to please reach out.

MOTION: Poor People dinner usually had a \$500 budget - we will move money around if approved. **VOTE 25 people in the meeting - All approved, none opposed. Motion approved that PTA will allocate this money for the Memorial Day Event.**

E-Blast

Discussion: Information has been sent about the 4th grade luau, 8th grde semi-formal, 12th grade ceremony and the prek / k ceremony, 4th grade stepping up although there is no date yet.

Adjournment:

Meeting is unanimously adjourned and the zoom meeting is closed at 8:07pm. The next PTA meeting will help virtually via Zoom Meeting on May 18 at 7:00pm

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June 15, 2022 - Minutes

Opening:

The virtual PTA Executive Board Meeting for the Michael J. Petrides School was called to order at 7:15 PM on June 15, 2022 using Google Zoom.

Current Members Present:

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Jennifer Caravaglio, Executive VP
April Sinclair, Elementary School Co-VP
Jillian Auer, Recording Secretary
Karol Rojas, Co-Treasurer
Karen Ortega - Early Childhood VP

Members Absent:

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Approval of Minutes from November Meeting

Discussion: Minutes will be approved in September meeting

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Treasurer's Report

Discussion: Previous Treasurer Report was presented to membership for approval. Night of chances was a big success. Will be adding middle school calculator to the budget.

Motion: To approve treasury report. Approved by Natalie Luca; second by Jade Hession

Night of Chances

Discussion: 1st in 2 years at Silver Lake Veranda

K/1st Fashion Show

Discussion: combined this year. Thank you April and Karen for a great event. The kids did great, even with minimal practice. Lisa's candy bouquets were beautiful!

Sunflower Seeds

Discussion: There are plenty left and we would love to promote this more. Grow them all summer long and send pictures in to the PTA email address throughout the summer. Last years was 11 ft 2 inches long, Seeds are \$5.00

Ferryhawks

Discussion: June 21st - 2 for 2 pricing. QR code is on the flyer.

Carnival

Discussion: Thank you. PTA provided ices and gave high school ices also

Chairs

Discussion: Last year we were able to use them for school events and graduations. #6,100 for 300 chairs. Do we have it available? Treasurer explains that based on past years we have money aside for carnival and playwright & ballroom that has not been used this year. We do have the funds.

Vote: All for, none oppose - chairs pass - we will order 300 more.

Pretzel

Discussion: Friday June 2th will be free pretzel day - 1 per kid

Petrides Soccer Club

Discussion: Jason Ciralante is the new director and will be working to build the soccer club back up. He has secured rights to the Petrides fields and all practices can be held back in our school. They will be marketing clinics/orientation and booths. Fall/Sumer will be some kindergarten clinics and regular spring teams. Given to Ms. Buckheit for eblast and flyers. April, Sept and Nov/Dec clinics.

Adjournment:

Meeting is unanimously adjourned and the zoom meeting is closed at 7:45pm. The next PTA meeting will be in September 2022

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