

PS/ IS 499
The Queens College School for Math, Science, & Technology
Parent Teachers Association
PTA General Meeting Agenda
September 20, 2017

PTA started at 6:15 PM

- Introduction to the Board
 - Shirley Smith (Co-President)
 - Tina Tam (Co President)
 - Staceyann Collins (Recording Secretary)
 - Jessica Hamilton (Corresponding Secretary)
 - Edmond Jang (Corresponding Secretary)
- Principal Updates
 - Data Talk (Parent Night) 4:30-7:30pm
 - Meet with teachers and discuss the curriculum
 - Ms. Minhas will discuss data and new initiative
 - Tuesday – Parent Engagement time. Parents can set up appointments with your classroom teachers.
 - Initiated paperless communication, with few exceptions
 - Blue Cards are needed
 - Most correspondences will be going out via email
 - We will need everyone’s email address on file (contact your child’s teacher or contact Ms. Rowe)
 - New staff members –
 - Gym - David Vega
 - Michele Prezinski - Music Teacher
 - Ms Joseph & Ms. Capanella - SETSS Teacher
 - Ms. Song – 2nd Grade Teacher
 - 1st Winter Concert for Elementary & Middle School
 - Culture celebrations - Parents are welcomed to come in and speak with the different classes. Contact Ms. Prezinski for more information.
 - Ms. Amoroso will be out until October (2 ATR will take over her class)

- Mr. Kong had a baby and will take a maternity leave. He will return by the end of September.
- Everyone gets free breakfast and lunch however lunch forms MUST be completed at:
<https://www.applyforlunch.com/Home/DistrictRedirect/NEWYORKCITY>
 (Apply for lunch)
- SLT dates have been decided and posted on the parent bulletin boards.
- Mr. Strohschein, 7th grade ELA & SS, Debate Team
 - Educational Social Network provides access to technology resources and community to the NYC schools to foster equity.
 - By November the program will be coded by Girls Can Code
 - Equity and Education is a pilot website program. We are calling all parents to complete the Google form below:
 - Eq.in.ed@gmail.com
 - <https://google/forms/Sy8GXcDbofMcQ6U62>
 - Debate team has been selected
 - Ten 7th graders & Sixteen 8th graders
- Queens Community House Director - David DiTetrapani Middle School /After School ext. 4200
 - Tentative proposal for elementary after school program has been put in place however it will be for a cost.
 - QCH is looking for a
 - Dance Instructor
 - Visual Arts Instructor
- PTA is looking for a Treasurer & vice presidents
 - Election in October
 - We need a SLT parent member
- June PTA minutes – tabled for October
- Financial Updates – tabled for October
 - Send in your donations
- Changes to the by laws

- Change to 4th Wednesday of each month instead of 3rd Wednesday.
- Vote will be made in October 18th 6-8 pm PTA meeting.
- Check PTA Packet
 - We need volunteers
 - Amazon Flyer
 - Box Tops (1 clip = 10cents) the more we collect the more funds we get.
- Next month candy sale (Miss Chocolate)
- Spooky Dance (TBD Date)
- Middle School Open House
 - October 18th @ IS 185 5-8pm
- New Middle School opening (MS 379 College Point Collaborative)
- Queens High School Fair
 - October 14th & 15th @ Francis Lewis High School
- CEC & District 25 Family Engagement @ Queens Zoo
 - Saturday, October 21st 10am -2pm
- Breakfast in the classroom for all grades starting October 30
- Social Emotional Learning in the morning

Meeting adjourned 7:16pm