

Minutes for the February 25, 2021 BTHS PA Virtual General Meeting

Call to order at 6:33 p.m.

Co-President Lisa Sullivan and Cindy Kue report:

- As a result of the survey conducted by the Guidance Office, a series of workshops focusing on teen mental health will be offered.
- School Leadership Team meetings take place every month. The next meeting will be March 11. The meeting agenda is going to include the discussion of budget alignment with CEP goals. It's open to everyone to sit in and listen. Only SLT members have voting rights.
- Housekeeping: the best and the most appropriate way to contact PA's president is through emailing to the following email address – papresident@bths.edu.

Treasury report:

- January treasury report was posted on the Tech PA website. PA received approximately \$34,000 through donations/annual funds, and \$10,000 donations/fundraising through Lunar New Year Celebration.
- Paid \$3,000 fee for debate team.
- Spent \$6,500 on gifts as a token of appreciation to teacher and school staff.

Diversity committee report:

- The committee thanks everyone including school administration, volunteers, performers, parents, students who participated in making the Lunar New Year Celebrated virtually possible. The event was recorded and posted on the Brooklyn Tech PA webpage and YouTube Channel.
- The recent past success event - Panel Discussion of HBO's "Between the World and Me" had over 200 participants.
- The details for upcoming events will be included in the next TechTalk.

Assistant Principal Nottingham update:

- Mrs. Nottingham is appointed as acting AP Math oversight 42 math teachers.
- Engagement is the top priority while mental health is important as well.
- It is suggested to reach out to the teacher or her with any questions as soon as possible so that the question can be addressed in a timely fashion.
- DOE's latest homework policy dated October 26, 2020 was reiterated. Homework should be 20 minutes per class per period. The current class schedule is a double period per class. As such the homework assignment will be 40 minutes per class, and it is due back before the next class meeting. Late submission will be a 25% points deduction.
- Many clubs' meetings are taking place virtually. Specific clubs have appropriately arranged to meet in person at a designated location at their discretion, as needed.
- Major night is taking place. Starting with two majors-Physics and Chemistry are presenting tonight at 8:00 p.m. There will be a math major presentation on Friday, February 26th. The following week, there will be three majors presented each day from Monday to Friday. The major presentation will be recorded and posted on the school's website for review, as needed.
- Senior student activities' survey will be coming out shortly.

Principal Newman update:

- Onsite SAT scheduled on April 27 will be held at BTHS just for our junior students only. An email will be sent out shortly asking parents to respond whether their child will come to the building and take the SAT exam in person. This is a fee waived exam. Enrollment to this SAT exam will be handled by school.

- It is possible that students will go back into the building. There is no opportunity for students to opt back into the hybrid program.
- In response to the question of whether Regent Exams will be given in June, Mr. Newman stated that the Federal government made a decree tied to the math, science and ELA subject. He's awaiting the NYS's directive relative to other in-person subject(s) such as history.
- All AP exams, except for LOTE and AP Capstone Seminar, will be done virtually during the first two weeks of June. LOTE and AP Capstone Seminar will be done in person on May 21. Fees will be waived for those students who receive free or reduced price lunch. For those students not qualify for free or reduced price lunch, a statement will be emailed to the student's BTHS email account for remitting payment.
- Last year's AP fees' refunds were done during the Fall 2020 term.
- Last year's senior dues' refunds will be issued by mid-March 2021.
- Class of 2020 graduates can pick up a diploma while returning a textbook and/or laptop when school reopens.
- Mid-Winter Academy was successfully completed and last Spring NX was reconciled to NC. The reconciliation of Fall 2020's NX will have until June 2021.
- March 18 will be the Parent Teacher conference day.

The next PA meeting will be on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6:3 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.