

Brooklyn Tech PA Virtual Meeting Minutes via Zoom on 1/20/21 meeting @6:30 PM:

Co-Recording Secretaries: Lincoln Favours and Michelle Cheung

### **Treasury Report:**

- January's report was shared and a motion to accept was passed.
- All future donations to the PA should be credit/debit card during Covid-19 restrictions.

### **Co-Presidents**

Co-President Lisa stated the PA annual Teachers Appreciation was done by giving the teachers gift cards and the teachers responded via emails of thanks to the PA E-board.

Cindy and Lisa (Co-President) also discussed:

1. The next PA general meeting will be on February 2/25/21 via zoom. Parents workshop will be available remotely.
2. PSAT @BTHS for 1/26/21 is cancelled.
3. SAT will no longer test the essay and subject section anymore.
4. Volunteers are still needed.
5. There will be 3 Family workshops on 1/23/21.
6. Parents can submit suggestions on the type of workshops that would be beneficial to parents.
7. Parents should sign up to receive emails of "TechPA".
8. All students should, at least once, visit the guidance counselor's remote office hours.
9. Introduced following speakers
  - a. Jasmin and Hilary (VP events and diversity)
  - b. Guest speakers
    - i. Ms. Alison Pascal – (Princeton Review).
    - ii. Mr. Gus Trombetta – (Social Studies/Music teacher).
  - c. Mr. Newman (Principal) – questions and answers.

Jasmin and Hillary spoke about:

1. Lunar New Year. Information will be sent via Tech-Talk.
2. Starting on Saturday 1/23/21 there will be three sessions of family virtual workshops.
3. Parents can submit suggestions on the type of workshops.
4. Parents should sign up for Tech-Talk.

Guest speakers

Ms. Alison Pascal – (Princeton Review)

1. All BTHS students and parents can sign up for the Princeton Review SAT/ACT Prep at a discount designed for BTHS.

- a. 10% off SAT/ACT.
  - b. 25% Prep course, which includes free self paced.
  - c. 5% goes to PA donation fund.
2. Academic Support on demand Tutoring for:
    - a. Help in Homework in real time and get 1 hr for free.

Mr. Gus Trombetta – (Assistant Principal/Social Studies/Music teacher) spoke about:

1. Student prep for AP exams as planned and they will be prepared when the date of the AP exams is known.
2. Social studies have 3 majors: Law and Society, Finance and Social Science.
3. Remote auditions will be held for students that are interested in music or playing an instrument.

Mr. Newman (Principal) discussed:

1. High School opening by the Mayor and School Chancellor is still unknown and possibly will not open before the spring break.
2. If and when schools reopen, there will be 3 cohorts instead of 4 to accommodate more in school learning.
3. PSAT is cancelled. Students will use the SAT instead of PSAT to qualify for national credit. There was a mail sent out to all students and parents detailing the instruction.
4. SAT for 4/4/2021 is cancelled.
5. SAT/ACT optional for college, but be cautious with students who have CR across the board. CRs are not seen by the colleges, but it may cause issues when applying for college if the grades are not there for consideration.
6. If BTHS will host the SAT/ACT only if the school building will be open and SAT/ACT fee will be waived. SAT/ACT possible dates 4/13 and 4/27.
7. End of marking period marks the first week of spring semester.
8. NX is a form of incomplete for a failing course and the student is given the time to rectify the NX. An NX rectified course will become a CR not a graded course. The school will reach out to students with NX grades and what must be done to rectify it.
9. Any non-rectified NX will become a failing grade on the student transcript.
10. Attendances are getting updates, but are taking a bit of time and it will be rectified in pupilpath. If there are still issues please contact Assistant Principal Cuesta.
11. Missing grade In pupilpath will be rectified. Please contact the Assistant Principal of each course if there is still an issue.
12. Seniors will be given 48 hours to change letter grade to a CR.
13. CR only applies to the final grade after student/parents see the final grade and choose to take a CR.
14. No school on 2/1/2021.
15. Freshman virtual tour of BTHS has been placed on BTHS website.
16. Major selection date will be announced soon.

17. PSAL is still unknown, but coaches are working to get approved for spring.