

Howard B. Mattlin Middle School  
PTA Meeting  
Thursday October 17, 2019 7:30 pm

## 1. Dr. Coladonto's Report

- a. Looking Back and Coming Up - Grade 5 & 6 Picture Day 10/16, Grade 7&8 10/17, Pride Prep Rally Extended MAP 10/18, P.R.I.D.E. Week 10/21-10/25, P.R.I.D.E. Day Games 10/25, Homecoming parade 10/26, BOE Meeting 10/28 @7:45, Book Fair 10/22-10/24, Gr. 8 Project Adventure trip - 10/24, POB Family night 10/31, Talent Show 11/1 @7pm, Financial Literacy Day 11/8, Parent Academy 12/3 @ MMS
- b. Follow- Up - Reminder to parents to call 30 minutes before coming to school. All parents must be placed on an expected visitor list.
- c. More Updates - NYS assessments has been reported, Grade level meetings with students, Emergency Response Team has been meeting to review protocols & practice, Evacuation and lockdown drills practiced, Discussions have begun to discuss mental health screening (November Date for Mattlin) - 7th grade only, new doors will be installed through November
- d. Pride Week - Friday 10.18 PRIDE shirt, Monday 10/21 College Day Shirt, Tuesday 10/22 - Decades Day, Wednesday 10/23 - Unity Day - Wear Orange, Thursday 10/24 Throwback Thursday wear a shirt from a different decade, Friday 10/25 - Dress in Grade Colors - 5th grade - Yellow, 6th grade - Green, 7th grade - Yellow, 8th grade - Black
- e. Being a Middle School Parent - Tips for the Digital Age - Talk with your child about technology, educate yourself and stay informed, know your child and adjust accordingly, support the purpose of the school laptop, let your child know that you are involved and interested in how she/he is using her/his school laptop, Be involved and interested without hovering, It's ok to have some fun too, but practice what you preach, talk to other parents about technology use, use a filter at home for personal devices to help keep the worst of the Internet at bay, know that you have a partner in this
- f. Parent Teacher Conferences 10/23 Afternoon and Evening A-K, 10/30 Afternoon and Evening L-Z

## 2. President's Report

- a. Pathways to Peace Celebration - Oct. 25th 7pm @ POBMS - A community event promoting peace and nonviolence.
- b. Homecoming- October 26th - Parade @ 2:15, Homecoming Village opens @ 2:40, game 3pm. Community event for all ages. Includes food, face painting, games and more
- c. POB Calendar for 20/21 - A calendar has been approved by the BOE as of 9/16 but many families seek a day off for Eid al-Fitr. A final decision has not yet been made by the board but there is possibility that the approved calendar may be amended
- d. Superintendent Search - Community Forum - November 7th 7pm at JFKHS. The firm hired to conduct the search for our new superintendent is seeking input from the community. PTA, Presidents, staff, teachers and administrators have all shared their input and now it is time for the community to weigh in. Comments can also be emailed to [pobsup@districtwisearch.com](mailto:pobsup@districtwisearch.com). All emails will remain confidential and commenting is open through November 25
- e. Vape Sensors - POB will go ahead and install a few units in HS bathrooms to begin our new test of the reliability of the units before making a larger purchase of the devices. Funds have



been previously budgeted but the purchase was never made due to the questionable effectiveness of the units at the time.

- f. BOE Meeting start times will be pushed back and will not concur with the start times as seen on the district calendar. A copy of the new start times has been included in the share binder
- g. Contract negotiations are still ongoing with our teachers
- h. The Mattlin Nominating Committee will be formed at the November PTA meeting. A notice of interest will go out in the coming days. We will be seeking 3 board members, 2 general PTA members and an alternate for each

### 3. **Treasurer's Report** - Dorene Greenberg - \$34,000 - October has \$2,000 extra

## 4. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Book Fair** - Elina Pavic - October 22-24. 7 & 8 will go during lunch, 5 & 6 will go with homeroom teacher.
- b. **Book Drive** - Ryanne Kotler - Book Fairies October 21-25
- c. **Curriculum** - Jenn Shinsky / Hilary - Board theme We Move Mountains, Chair people what need to do in all grades not just high school, Profile of a Graduate, BOE Goals, Review of Draft, focus on mental Health and wellbeing - what should we keep in mind?
- d. **Communication** Sarah Bogaty - Emails from directory - as of October 25 if not a PTA member will not get newsletter.
- e. **Founders Day** - Elina Pavic - Nominations forms will be out soon.
- f. **Membership** - Jenn Novis - 389 members
- g. **High School** - Yesterday PSAT was given for free to 11th graders, other grades had to pay, delayed start for school, Dr. Dewey Presentation to all grades - great feedback
- h. **Nutrition** - Whitsons is working on moving the lunch line along faster for 5th and 6th graders. The lines are longer on "Cheesy Breadstick Day". Students would like to see new items served such as quesadillas and pasta. Chef Chris replied that he can make anything as long as the ingredients are available and nutritional facts work out. Allergy info is on each individual account. When the cashier pulls up an account and sees allergy info for a student, she can look in the allergen book to make sure the food being purchased is allergen free for that student. Rich Cunningham will be emailing the district about how to use the new interactive website/app. [FDMealplanner.com](http://FDMealplanner.com). Once the account is set up, you can individualize each child and their food preferences. You will also be able to see all nutritional information/ ingredients for each menu item.
- i. **Picture Day** - yesterday and today
- j. **Pizza Sale** - Melissa Dossie - sold out last time next one is 10/24
- k. **Pretzel Sale** - Sarah Bogaty - Waiting for dates
- l. **Reflections** - Jenn Shinsky - Deadline is tomorrow 2 submissions a dozen kids might be interested
- m. **Security/Transportation** - Sarah Bogaty - Looking into specific buses that were mentioned, can track buses every second, track by 5-digit number, 5 year contract with bus company, GPS and video cameras on every bus, 24-48 hours to pick up video - video stored for 30 days. Before schools are lockdown at night, there is an entire sweep of schools, vestibule plans are for NYS approval, Middle Schools are up next for relocation/evacuation drills.
- n. **Spirit Wear** - online store is open
- o. **Yearbook** - working on it