

**PTSA Parent Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 7th, 2021**

Welcome from Hillside VPs Tanya Rynders and Stacey Merchant

1) PTSA Annual Meeting

- a. Annual updates presented, highlighting fundraising efforts and grants awarded.
- b. Next years slate was presented and voted on - Slate approved

2) Guest Speaker: Melissa Szymanski - Title 1 Engagement

- a. Melissa Szymanski was unable to attend, materials were presented by Amy Cazes.
- b. Under Title I, schools hold an annual meeting to inform parents of Title I participation and explain the program requirements. The district supports the informed participation of parents in student education through a variety of means, including PTSA liaison meetings, parent meetings, and communication with parents. Title 1 parent and family engagement guidance supports avenues where home and school can collaborate, through a collaborative process with a variety of stakeholders, and a focus on equity and access for all students. One important update is that the District has added curriculum synopses to the District website at all grade levels, which are publicly available.

3) Upcoming Events:

- a. June 17, 10AM - 4th grade moving up ceremony
 - i. Please see the school communication with all important details [here](#).
 - ii. The ceremony is a student only event. Though regulations have changed, they would still require us to limit the number of people who can attend for each child. While parents and families will not be allowed within the roped off student-only ceremony area, we will be unable to restrict anyone from the other areas of Reynolds Field during our Moving Up ceremony. If you choose to view the ceremony, in person, please arrive before 9:45 AM and bring your own chair and/or blanket.
 - iii. There will be a live stream of the ceremony as well (details linked above).

- iv. Students will return to Hillside following the ceremony. Dismissal will take place at Hillside only.
 - b. June 18 - Field Day
 - i. This will be for students only.
 - ii. Colors will be assigned by class and classes will move as a group from activity to activity to maintain class cohorts.
 - c. June 21 - 4th Grade Pool Party
- 4) Amy Cazes and John DeKams –
 - a. Mask update
 - i. NY State has allowed districts to determine protocols for **outdoor** mask wearing. Stakeholders will be surveyed, the reopening committee will convene. The decision will be shared when ready.
 - ii. There have been no NY State updates to our policy regarding **indoor** mask wearing at this time.
 - b. New AP search
 - i. The search is still underway
 - c. Construction update
 - i. Construction is on pace. Should this continue the estimated time of completion is March 2022.
 - ii. Steel should be arriving soon and we will begin to see a more physical structure
 - d. Kindergarten moving up
 - i. Each class will have a scheduled time to perform songs for a limited number of caregivers outdoors. Students only, will continue the celebration with snack and sprinklers later in the day once all performances are complete.