

Frank McCourt High School - PA General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

1. Call to order
2. Reading and approval of the October 2019 minutes. Minutes approved.

3. President's/Principal's report

Congrats on bake sale. Staff at citywide mandated anti-bias workshop on election day. Jumprope report coming home this week. Parents need to set up appointments with advisors next week. Conferences Thursday and Friday. Monday hosting C30 interviews for assistant principle. Five candidates. Mastery Collaborative visit next week. Week before Thanksgiving Wellness Week. Will culminate in potlucks. Just released Intersession course catalog. Only one: Dec. 16 to Jan 30 Expo. PGC Family Night for December 5 for 9<sup>th</sup> graders for May 21, 2020, 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Looking for a committee. Potential Internships for Spring Semester. 50 hours onsite. Camp Bernie usual success.

4. Committees

- a. SLT

1. Parent Engagement: Donors Choose: Teachers can contribute money directly to this program so that teachers get supplies needed for classrooms. Teachers can do this on a rolling bases. Experiences have to be curriculum based so clubs would still be done through the PA. Parents will have to be notified. Giving to the clubs will have the priority. Also, using the Expo as a school-wide event so parents of lower grades know what to expect. Discussion of whether this information should go on website.
  2. Long-term goal 100 percent graduation. Changes have been made that will affect 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Gates Foundation has made a grant through New Visions. This can be used for all grades. Connecting kids on the periphery. First set of trainings next week. College coaches.
  3. House Parties in Neighborhoods. Washington Heights, Upper East and Upper West Side, etc.
- b. Election Day Bake Sale Report--\$650, \$188 online.
  - c. December 11<sup>th</sup> Barnes & Nobel Bookfair
  - d. Family Giving
- Caren, Starrling are putting together a letter for the end of the week. Making it personal. Will be sent out monthly.
- e. Auction May 16, 2020, at Riverside Church. Terms need to negotiated. Theme might be a top-ten list. Need to start soliciting for donations.

5. New Business

Camp Bernie: 25 kids couldn't pay anything. Some kids couldn't pay the whole thing.  
Banner: Need a banner in the lobby. PA agrees to fund a banner up to \$500.  
Open houses were packed. Parents still calling. Admission is no longer group projects.  
Online interview. Fill out info. Read an article. Mini essay and answers to questions that can be found through open house and website. TED Talk videos and write essays.  
Conferences: PA pays for teachers' dinners during the conferences. Parents can help sell merchandise during the P/T conferences.

6. Close