

Pelham PTA Council and Superintendent's Meeting Agenda
September 8, 2022 8:45-10:15am
Virtual Only

1. Welcome

- Welcome to the Fall 2022/23 school year and all new officers, reps
- Welcome Ms. Holtz and Dr. Bowman
- Meeting format

2. Superintendent's Report

3. Board of Education Report

4. President's Report

- Reminder: UPDATE MemberHub/Share Credentials /Officer info w/District & PTAC
- PTAC bylaws
- Leadership page on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/334259404774732>
- NYS PTA Resource Guide:
<https://nyspta.org/home/pta-leaders/nys-pta-resource-guide/>
- Share your membership sign up links

5. Secretary's Report: June Minutes

6. Treasurer's Report: Budget Vote

7. PTAC Communications Update

8. Community Organizations

- Pelham Together Update
- PEF Update
- Pelham Recreation Update
- Civics Update
- Project Community Update

9. Unit Updates

10. New Business

11. Upcoming Meetings: 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/13, 5/4, 6/1

PTA Unit Updates

Colonial Elementary

- Welcome Back Picnic coming up on 9/20
- Picture Day with RollCall and Open Houses happening the week of 9/27

Hutchinson Elementary

- We held a Kindergarten meet & greet on the K playground on 8/31. Students & families got to meet our PTA board, meet other students from their class, play fun games, eat popsicles and meet our mascot Honey! It was very well attended.
- We had a very successful Edukits sale with kits delivered before the start of school.
- We hosted a Kindergarten and new family breakfast on the first day of school at 8:30. PTA co-presidents and Dr Fitzgerald discussed the upcoming year, encouraged PTA membership and answered lots of questions.
- We are planning membership drive pushes for next week including backpack fliers, volunteers and our mascot at drop off, and a table set up at Open House.
- Our first Highlights newsletter went out including instructions for translating the newsletters to different languages on our website.
- Picture Day is scheduled with Irvin Simon for Monday 9/19 with retakes and sibling photos on 10/28.
- Our annual Spiritwear student design contest kicks off next week with our sale happening in mid-October.
- Fundraising, Cultural Arts and Class Parent committees are all working on planning their fall events.
- We are working on purchasing a "Buddy Bench" for each of the two new school playgrounds.
- Our first PTA meeting is scheduled for 10/11 at 7:30 in person with a Zoom option available.

Prospect Hill Elementary

- Our new addition is *almost* ready. It will become our new main entrance for anyone visiting the building. We will also have a conference room, a fourth grade classroom, an intervention space, as well as an elevator.

- We welcome new staff members Danielle Fendrich (K), Gabriella Sokol (K), Samantha Mastroanni (a Prospect Hill graduate, 1 st), Luis Vazquez (General Music), Lindsey Ferris (School Counselor for the Elementary Schools), and Stephanie Otero (Greeter).
- MTK is up and running and the PTA memberships are coming in!
- New Family Coffee is Friday September 9 th at 8:30 outside the main entrance.
- Our first PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13 th. We will present our 2022/23 budget and hold a vote.
- We have one Site Based Council seat open and are working to fill the seat quickly.
- Applications are due Friday and will be voted on at our first PTA meeting next Tuesday.
- Picture Day is Thursday September 22nd

Siwanoy Elementary

- We launched our membership drive and it's been going well!
- Despite the rain we had a successful and exciting first day of school, in a big part thanks to Dave's celebratory magic
- We hosted our New Family Breakfast, which was well attended and hopefully useful!
- Our first PTA meeting is planned for this coming Friday
- We redesigned our Newsletter and welcomed two new newsletter editors; so far we're getting positive feedback
- Allison designed new Siwanoy PTA flyer, that has more concise language and better explains what does it mean to join the PTA
- We have picture day in September this year
- Everyone is looking forward to a busy (in a good way!) school year

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PMHS

- The PMHS PTA began the year providing a welcome (and beverages) at the 9th grade Orientation for Parents
- We are trying to engage our parents with the school by updating our website to better support them and answer their questions. Tune in for new improvements as we test out ideas. Our Membership Drive has begun and we are trying to excite people with Spirit wear. We will be selling a fun long sleeve shirt celebrating Pelham NY 10803. We are excited for an in-person Open House and will have a Membership Table there.
- Reminder: Our April 18th PTA meeting featured our National PTA Create With Kindness Grant. Folks can stream the meeting presentation here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hGEFiKTtXCds8KeoAmX50X5UNJYQFe16?usp=sharing> and also access the many resources we shared including the Create with Kindness PPT presentation. Screenagers has graciously offered our PTAC the chance to have a public screening to reach more people. Let Annemarie G & Marjut Herzog know if you are interested in pursuing this.
- We hope to partner with the PMHS PTA to show appreciation to our joint custodial staff for National Custodian Day in October.
- We are looking for volunteers including a monthly auditor to take on the treasurer position for next year Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/q7Xw2muQRZPd2H3d8>
- Our PMHS PTA meetings will remain virtual to ensure more opportunities for attendance.

SEPTA

Our First Meeting is September 12 @ 7pm at the Siwanoy School Outdoor/Picnic Area (Rain location- Hutchinson School Atrium) Please join us for Mocktails and Informal Meet and Greet!