



The Cinema School Parent Association

**Parent Association Meeting
Minutes
3/14/2015**

Executive Members Present:

President: Joanne Grell, Treasurer: Vivian Burrus, Secretary: Ana Pacheco

Meeting called to order at 11:30 am. Full Executive Board present

Remarks by Joanne Grell:

March 26th (evening) and March 27th (day): Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up

April 21st and 22nd: Book fair dates: Book fair theme: "lights camera read" we will try to attain books that have been made into movies.

May 1st, May 8th, and May 15th: AMI Movie Nights: tentatively

Date will follow: Ghetto Film School will sponsor a, "Parents Night Out." There will be free drinks and food. There will also be an auction of framed photographs taken by our 9th graders. More information to come and will be on the website.

Please contact Ms. Monforte if you are not getting emails or need help accessing Jupiter Grades.

Parent surveys must be filled out and the PA will help with the process. Only 16% of the parents/guardians filled out the surveys. The parent surveys benefit our students by helping our school achieve a better rating and more funding. We will have a raffle and a Public Service Announcement film made by Cinema School students.

New Cell Phone Policy: A new cinema school cell phone policy will be posted on the website by April 1st due to the Chancellor Farina's lift of the cell phone ban in N.Y.C. public schools.

A Parent Newsletter will be coming out soon and will be left as a legacy for future PA's to utilize. Email Ms. Grell with any suggestions.

Ms. Grell would like to develop a parent resource guide that would list organizations for school community relate resources.

TREASURERS REPORT

Same as the month prior

PARENT SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

1. The school calendar can be linked to your gmail and can be accessed through your phone.
2. A parent would like to see PA sponsored College Tours. The suggestion is to plan the tours with the parents starting in the 9th or 10th grades. Also try to develop a college tour committee. Many schools will favor a student that has actually visited the school that is why tours are so important.
3. The college advisor would be a welcome member guest to PA meetings.
4. Worldofmoney.org will be having a free panel discussion about financial aid and scholarships on April 4th.
5. Provide information in Spanish about college financial and community related information.
6. Provide a sheet about academic expectations in the beginning of every school year and also an explanation about The Cinema School "Credits" system.
7. A parent has a concern on how the school handles students with IEP's from the time they enter to senior year. The acceptance of more students with IEP's and how they handle it. (Individualized Educational Plan)

APRIL 18TH next meeting

12:30pm meeting adjourned.