



***Columbia Secondary School for
Math, Science & Engineering
Parent Teacher Association***

February 11, 2020
6:15 PM-7:45 PM, Room 315

- Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved by all in attendance.
- Dean Puritz introduced Detective Harper from the 26th Precinct of NYPD, who spoke about a database of community resident list that is used to communicate with interested local residents. He addressed the homicide that took place in Morningside Park in December, noting that no crime has taken place in the park since then. He noted that there has been an increased police presence in the park which largely accounts for the decrease in crime. He also noted that light towers and additional cameras have been installed in the park. Parents asked questions about local policing initiatives and Detective Harper and Officer Hussain responded to them. Contact information will be distributed by Isis to parents who are interested in staying abreast of local precinct activities.
- Principal Nightengale announced that Playground 125 will be resurfaced next year and will be closed for a year as a result.
- Karen Foncette-Moore encouraged parents to stay in contact with their class parent reps.
- Nydia Prishker provided an update on fundraising initiatives. She encouraged parents to donate and potentially donate to this Friday's bake sale, since the Valentine's Day bake sale is typically a popular event. She also asked for volunteers to the upcoming spirit wear sale.
- Spring Fling Update- Nancy Marchetta confirmed that the Spring Fling will be held on June 6th. She encouraged parents to 1) attend, 2) contribute to the auction if possible, and 3) volunteer to help with the event.
- PTA treasurer's report- Laura Pfortmiller reviewed the treasurer's report since PTA treasurer Danny Cooper was unable to attend. She noted that the PTA has roughly \$62,000 available in its account.
- Principal Nightengale noted that the new school website was almost ready to "go live." She stated that it would use columbiasecondary.org when it becomes active.