



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

October 13, 2020
6:20 PM -7:30 pm via Zoom

- Approximately 80 PTA families and faculty members attended this meeting conducted via Zoom, using a secure account provided by PTA member Nydia Prishker.
- Melody Woolford discussed the parent volunteers for the Middle School. Their role is to provide support for classes and teachers. She noted that there is a Shutterfly group for 6th grade, Whatsapp and Shutterfly groups for 7th grade and Whatsapp and Google for 8th grade. The goal is to help build community.
- Next Ms. Nicole Bryant, School Culture and Climate Director, presented about reimagining CSS in terms of discipline process and culture responsive response. She noted that there are three student led committees called Recruiting Representative, Curriculum, and Reimagine discipline and each student leader of those committees (Kalyley Chery, Theo Visconti and Tou Homehmed) gave a brief overview of each committee, including their mission statements.
- Minutes from the September meeting were approved and no concerns were raised.
- Danny provided his Treasurer's Report. There is currently \$71,101.50 cash balance which will be reduced by outstanding checks of \$13,368.25. There were membership contributions of \$7,460; expenses included \$1188.35 for PPE, \$9,500 for 12th grade graduation last year and \$3668.75 for Middle School yearbooks. Year to date membership contribution totaled \$12,595.
- Next, Danny presented the proposed budget to be voted on by the membership which was the budgeted he presented at the last meeting. The budget was unanimously approved by the 75 participants that voted.
- Next, Ms. Lisa Fernandez chaired the Elections for the Executive Board and two SLT Representatives (as there are two open slots) and AP Nelson provided assistance. She asked for nominations from the floor (three times) for each position. There were no floor nominees for any positions. The election for the EB positions was held first and then followed by election for the SLT Representatives. The votes were tallied and confirmed in accordance with the Roberts Rules of Order. The election results were as follows (% in parenthesis represents vote in favor):
 - Co-Presidents – Nydia Prishker (97%); Veronica Villapando (84%)
 - Recording Secretary – Dina Levy (99%)
 - Assistant Recording Secretary – Laurie Brownie Kindred (97%)
 - Treasurer – Kenneth Drake (99%)
 - Assistant Treasurer – Cheryl Moody (100%)
 - Communications Co-Chairs – Gema Imbert (82%); Sarah Jessup (76%)
 - Volunteer Coordinator – Adeline Monzier (99%)
 - Fundraising Co-Chairs – Jennifer Pasbjerg (79%); Starr Peoples (82%)
 - District 5 Representative – Hope Bell (100%)
 - Members at Large – Danny Cooper (90%); Alexandria Toubia (72%)
- SLT Representatives – Alice Reagan (100%); Samantha Shonfield (97%)
- Nydia reminded the attendees that the next PTA meeting will be held on November 10 and that the next EB meeting will be held on November 2.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm