

# PTA Meetings

Wednesday August 16, 2020 | 7:00-8:30 PM *and*

Thursday August 17, 2020 | 10:00-11:00 AM

**These meetings were recorded on video.**

## Attendance at 8/16 meeting:

Jenny Corduck, Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Anne Norman, Valerie Machinist, Brandy Hartford, Xi Sun, Winnie Pong, Christine Chang, Iris Goldfarb, Rebecca Xu, Lauren Avery, Suman Murali, Kessie Avsekova, Melinda Nasardinov, Beth Glick, Lisa Premerlani, Tania Kouprach-Rolandi, Karin Ornstein, Nayera Thabet, Claire Preisser, Joshua Curhan, Zoey Fan, Hugo Hernandez, Sharon Huang, Meisam Bakhshayeshi, Andrew Bennett, Eric Lu, Natasha Zeb, Mahsa Rohani, Sucharita Otta

## Welcome Back!

To best serve the Bowman community during this unusual year, we have some new PTA positions. Welcome to all our new members of the Executive Board, and thank you for volunteering your time this year!

Here's an updated list of all of our Bowman PTA Executive Board members:

<b>Co-Presidents</b>		
Co-President 19/20 & 20/21	Rebecca Fagan Gorospe	<a href="mailto:president@bowmanpta.org">president@bowmanpta.org</a>
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**Slideshow of overview of PTA functions.** [Link to this in Google drive here?](#)

**PTA Business:**

- **All PTA programs this year will be remote so RLA students can attend everything**
- PTA will give whiteboards to all students and staff to use during Zoom calls as interactive learning tools
- PTA plans to do a lot of staff appreciation during the school year.
- Going to support RLA teachers by having them come to Bowman occasionally for supply swap out, which will be a time to offer staff appreciation to them
- Of note, no library volunteers this year but maybe some virtual readings for students
- Putting funds towards dismantling racism curriculum this year too
- Adding some cultural nights for community building activities

**Calendar overview:**

- **Keep an eye on the [Bowman PTA calendar](#) on the website for all updated information regarding events.**
  - September – Room parent orientation, Site Council election
  - October – Book Fair (picture day postponed until spring), Spirit Wear (through 10/25)
  - November/December – Families in Need gift drive
  - January – Passport to Belonging events, Math Nights, Stories Under the Stars, Book Swap
  - February – Science Fair, Math Nights
  - March – Spaghetti Dinner, Bowman Variety Show
  - April – Disco Bingo, Class Basket Raffle
  - May – Earth Week, Teacher Appreciation Week
  - June – Kids Fun Run Fundraiser, Field Day, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade EOY Activities
- Shopping programs continue – Amazon smile, Stop and Shop, Box Tops
- Volunteers are still needed for a variety of events and to help organize events
- Don't forget your PTA membership – great swag for different levels!

**Principal update:**

- So happy to have students back in the building and to see all the planning this summer pay off. Jenny is trying to make sure she can connect with all the RLA classes and teachers.
- Feedback from parents so far has been good, we all need to remember how hard this is for everyone
- Everyone appreciates the support and patience

**Upcoming Events:**

- Room Parent Orientation Meetings 9/21, 2020, 7pm & 9/22, 2020, 10am
- Back-to-School Night (Parents Only)\* - date TBD
- School Picture Days – postponed until spring
- PTA Meeting 10/14 7pm