

PS199 PTA Executive Board meeting June 3, 2015

President's business

- Motion to approve the May minutes was passed.
- Zoning
 - Super zone proposal in CEC zoning committee; not probably as helpful a strategy for mitigating overcrowding as it may seem. Concern from residents at Amsterdam Houses about having to be bussed to other schools.
 - New school will open 2018
 - Next Tuesday, June 9th, 6:30p, Joan of Arc 93rd street public meeting about overcrowding in District 3, since other schools are also adding K classes.
 - District 3 superintendent has committed to keeping kindergarten classes to 6 at PS199 for the fall.
 - PS199 voices haven't been loud in defense of keeping class numbers low.
 - Adding another kindergarten class still doesn't accommodate all families on the wait list.

2015-2016 Calendar

Every exec board meeting first or second Thursday

- September
 - Back to school picnics
 - New family Chat n Chew
 - K Meet n Greet September 29th after K back to school night
- October
 - Diwali
 - Walkathon 17th
 - Halloween parade 30th
- November
 - Bake sale 3rd
 - Book Fair week of 16th
 - Potluck 20th
- December
 - Boutique fair 5th
 - Holiday party 12th
- January
 - Stoop Sale tentative 23rd
 - Wine tasting 28th
 - Movie night 8th
- February
 - Stars on Stage auditions
 - Diversity event
- March
 - Stars on stage
 - Diversity film festival
- April
 - Auction tentative April 9th
 - Spring break
- May
 - Each Day 7th
 - Broadway night

- Book fair 9th - 13th
- June
 - No events scheduled
- Two fitness fundraisers
- Comedy night
- Morning general PTA meetings December, January, February, May
- Motion carried to approve the calendar

Welcoming committee - Jenn Ligouri

- Upcoming K events - June 5th, 10th, 12th, 9-10am
- K parent orientation, 6-6:30pm followed by General PTA meeting
- Buddy system for play dates and question answering over the summer
- K parent Meet n Greet after back to school night in the fall

Volunteer recruiting at K parent orientation 6-6:30

- Moving to a different form to gather parent volunteer info
- Invited chairpeople from major committees to set up a table to answer questions
- Work with existing committees to use iVolunteer

Upcoming events

- Spirit wear Friday June 5th. Sale continues that morning for last-minute purchases
- Parent orientation June 11th
- Comedy night June 12th
- End of year picnic June 17th

Principal's business

- Ventilation in the auditorium. Mark from SCA attended the NDI performance and suggested contacting our assembly person to get Resolution A funding. The past several years we have used Reso A funding for the Science Center. We are also weighing whether to use Reso A for the playground.
- Second floor boys and girls bathrooms are slated to be renovated over the summer.
- Three teachers are retiring (Mr. Fisher, Ms. Shapiro, Ms. Kalnick), and Ms. Vatkina is moving out of the area.
- Chess was a huge hit with 3rd graders. Plan is to bring out boards every recess to allow kids to play.
- Coding was also a high success with coding club in fifth grade. Other grades are interested in learning to code as well. Louise is also looking into keyboarding for third graders.

Auditing committee - Jeff Alton

- Members are Jonathan Kang, John Fish, Steve Kaplan, Jeff Alton
- Cash audit
- Checks a sample of transactions to make sure deposits and payments have adequate documentation.
- Don't want the chairperson of the committee who raised the funds to deposit the funds. Should get a second signer.
- Next step would be to get an outside auditor.
 - Budget has gotten big.
 - Will be looking for quotes with three firms.
 - Goals of first year with an outside auditor would be high-level review

- If we want to ask for more grants, would be prudent to have an outside auditor.
- Consider evaluating our banking relationship.

Treasurer's report - Andrea

- 2014-2015 budget reviewed
 - Revenue high
 - Expenses low
 - Surplus revenue
 - Fund laptop cart for science?
 - donorschoose.org is a website Joellen Schuleman uses to fundraiser for her classroom's needs.
 - If we need more teacher's assistants for large classes, when does that money need to be available?
 - Add to the reserves line item, with the understanding that
 - Motion carried to approve allocating \$40,000 of the surplus to technology (dedicated laptop cart for the science lab and an additional laptop cart for the school) and the remainder to the reserves, with the intention to continue supporting the science center as needed.
- 2015-2016 budget discussed
 - New contract for cluster teachers
 - Circus arts, Bio bus, removed from enhancements
 - Discussing switching recess coach vendors from Asphalt Green to Deer Mountain. Impact of the recess coach was highlighted in upper grades.
 - Ruler Yale Institute school-wide social and emotional program.
 - Motion carried to approve the proposed budget for 2015-2016.

Meeting adjourned.