

PS199 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
December 3, 2015

Present:

Andrea Steinkamp
Danielle Winfield
Ed Aldridge
Jenni Wolf
Lisa Ballard
Michele Riggio
Rebecca Zimba
Victoria Micalizzi

Jill Urban
Ken Jewell
Kiran Abid
Leslie Cawdron
Mariana Crespi
Melissa Dye
Louise Xerri
Enrique Gonzales

Absent:

Amy Friedland
Imran Husain
Lara Bursor
Renee Eanes
Guy Vardi
Wendy Hutter

- Meeting called to order at 6:40pm
- Motion carried to approve the November 2015 EB Minutes

PRINCIPAL'S BUSINESS

- Louise met with the director of Sunworks who will be helping us with our science curriculum related to the science center. Louise was reminded to apply for a certificate of authenticity for the space.
- A School Quality Review will be completed by an outside reviewer on December 16th. Will be evaluating teacher teams, instruction, assessment, school culture. All of this includes college and career readiness, pedagogy, small group instruction, professional development, calibration for consistent assessment standards, culture of empowerment through success and improvement. A lot of these areas of evaluation align with PS199's Comprehensive Education Plan goals. The last quality review was two years ago.
- Overcrowding
 - DOE promised a stakeholder meeting with our SLT, but that hasn't happened yet. Louise would like to ask for a second nurse and additional instructional intervention support.

PRESIDENTS' UPDATE

- Fall Book Fair Recap - biggest book fair ever! Big huge thanks to Victoria Kopper and Jenni Wolf!
- Special Forces Holiday Party - Tuesday, December 22nd. Andrea has set up a Sign-up Genius for executive board members to buy gifts for the kids. Kristel Chou organizes the event.
- Family Giving December Push - Family Giving is struggling compared to this time last year. Planning to send home a letter and envelope next week in kidmail. Michele Riggio suggested asking class parents to help promote the Family Giving drive.
- Social Media Outreach - Kiran Abid is working with Jennifer Chung on creating and maintaining a Facebook page. Conversation about photos being posted on the page and parents being concerned about it.
- Stars on Stage - Geraldine Artaud agreed to be chair of these event, which is a 5th grade talent show. There will be a bake sale that night too. Veronika Surla and Liz Sutherland, co-chairs from last year, will help out.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Holiday Boutique Fair – 12/5, 10am–3pm
- Family Fitness Fundraiser – 12/5, 1:30pm with Mr. Ray - Andrea talked about the class her kids take with Mr. Ray, which includes relay races. The fundraiser is \$30 per parent/child pair, \$10 each additional child. Alumni are welcome with their parents!
- Holiday Party – 12/12, 2pm–5pm 12 tables of fun activities, photo booth, indoor snowball fight.

TREASURER UPDATE

- Cash Balance Report
- Budget to Actual Review
 - o Andrea mentioned some extra revenue that we weren't expecting from Spring Lake and Farmigo.

- Budget Requests
- Will be working on reallocating some of the money in the budget since, for example, we had a surplus last year in the technology line item, so we are likely not going to get through the technology budget this year.
- Question about allocating some funding to after-school tutoring and test prep. There was a conversation about the money the PTA already spends on test prep materials.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Auction
 - Venue Update - Highline Ballroom in Chelsea, April 9th, 6-11pm.
 - Ticket Pre-Sale Week set for January 11-15.
- Garden Committee
 - Recruitment meeting 12/4/15 @11am to learn about the garden committee
- New committee - Broadway Night Monday May 9th.

NEW BUSINESS

- Playground supervision question still in the hands of the DOE. Even though the contract hasn't started yet Deer Mountain will be dropping off playground equipment next week.

DECEMBER PTA MEETING AGENDA– December 11, 2015 @ 8:45am

Broadway Night Preview, Holiday Party Preview, Auction Kickoff, Our Giving Tree Update, Budget Review, Light Breakfast