

PS199 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 3, 2016

- Motion carried to approve the executive board minutes from February 2016

PRINCIPAL'S BUSINESS

- Recap of SLT meeting
- School quality review we were rated Well-developed in every area except college- and career-readiness, where we were rated proficient. Louise will be meeting with grade-levels to review. RULER program meta-moment will roll out soon. Technology support will also be reviewed.
- PS199 was nominated for a Respect for All award and Louise submitted an essay; we were awarded this honor.
- NDI is in 1st grade and will start later in March.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- District 3 Zoning Discussions. Wendy Hutter attended a public information forum at PS145 on March 1st. Panel talks by a controlled-choice pioneer, Michael Alves, and an employee from Inside Schools. Discussion about bussing and zoning options. Discussion about Title 1 funding, the schools who are unable to fundraise effectively and who aren't eligible for Title 1 are stuck in the middle without many financial resources.
- Round 2 Chromebook Purchase. Imran Hussain handed out specs for purchasing new Chromebooks for grades 4 and 5. A company called Tech services SmartBoards, we are discussing a service agreement that includes service and maintenance of the SmartBoards and professional development.
- Ms. Taylor will be teaching the 3rd graders keyboarding using a program called Typing without Tears
- RESO A Funding comes from city council members and borough presidents, and has generously helped us fund the Science Center. This year we submitted applications to fund an upgrade to the AC/ventilation system in the auditorium. We will find out in June whether we receive any funding for this. The CEO of the SCA presented their capital plan through 2020. The SCA revised their blue book capacity for PS199 to 642, which is less than it previously was.
- Yard repairs. To repair the yard we should engage with the participatory budgeting process through the city council.
- Greenhouse Science Center Update. The project is going out to bid.
- SLT Election at the next general PTA meeting next week.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Stars on Stage - March 4th
- Community Cares Project Cicero Book Drive - March 7th - 10th
- Auction - April 9th

TREASURER UPDATE

- Cash Balance Report
- Budget to Actual Review

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Healthy Child, Healthy Planet Plastic Free Fridays pilot program starts tomorrow! The reusable food sleeves sold out! More will be ordered for the next general PTA meeting.
- Garden Upkeep Contract and Arbor Day Trees. Karen Cape reached out to Patrick Weisel of Landdscape Design LLC to ask him to put together a proposal for maintaining the garden. Louise asked whether he is a DOE approved vendor.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wendy asked about why we have lunch periods on half days. It's because the DOE is obligated to offer lunch for kids who get free lunch.
- Wendy asked whether class parents can be encouraged to post homework on the class websites. Not all classes have websites. It's an issue to be raised with your own class parents.

MARCH PTA MEETING AGENDA - March 10, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Auction Preview, Broadway Night Preview, Budget Review, Dinner