

**PS199 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - APPROVED**  
**March 2, 2017**

**PRESENT**

Andrea Steinkamp  
Dorine Grollman  
Ed Aldridge  
Jenn MacFarlane  
Jenni Wolf  
Jill Urban  
Kate Stephan  
Lara Bursor  
Leslie Cawdron  
Louise Xerri  
Melissa Dye  
Rebecca Zimba  
Victoria Micalizzi

**ABSENT**

Amy Friedland  
Danielle Winfield  
Enrique Gonzales  
Imran Husain  
Michelle Cuccia Gahwyler  
Moe Bardach  
Renee Eanes  
Sebastian Lieng

**GUESTS**

Victoria Kopper

- Motion carried to approve January and February 2017 EB Minutes

**PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

- PCB and Ventilation Update. DSF will test two rooms for PCBs, not all of the rooms that previously had tested high. Rich has kept up with changing filters and checking fans and belts. We would like to have more rooms tested and have been sending letters to DSF and SCA without response.
- Science Center Update. Suggestions have been made to move on from the goal of building a science center. There are boxes for hydroponic green towers in the basement which could end up in the science room or in the kindergarten classrooms.
- The Green Team is comprised of 4th and 5th grade students who have expressed an interest in recycling and working in the garden during recess.
- New school breakfast protocol involving serving cold lunch to all students in the cafeteria, instead of hot lunch.
- Question about House Bill 610. Louise stated that the only thing she has heard about was protecting transgender students.
- We are officially down to five sections of kindergarten for 2017-2018.

**PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

- Parent Survey - between 30-50% response rate. The goal is to circulate the data once Anu Sehgal presents the analysis to the SLT.
- A few weeks ago Louise, Lara, and Andrea met with the developers of 200 Amsterdam to understand the timeline, security, safety precautions. Helen Rosenthal's office facilitated the meeting for us. The crane will be on the street side. Large materials will be raised in an exterior freight elevator in the Lincoln Towers driveway. Louise cautioned Rich to keep an eye on the ventilation filters. Victoria suggested a crossing guard on Amsterdam while the road is impacted.
- RESO A Funding Update – We are applying for funding to repair the playground in the front section – new paving, new ground covering.
- Food for 3/30 PTA Meeting. Andrea will email Moe.
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>) Rebecca will email people who volunteered last year. Q'doba was a big hit.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Stars on Stage – Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Leslie will be selling Spiritwear that night.
- AUCTION – Saturday, April 1st – push for donations through pressure from kids, who stand to gain extra recess if the parents in their class get donations for the auction. Geraldine is selling 50/50 tickets. Some parents involved in video production are willing to come to create a video for the auction.
- Screenagers Screening – April 27<sup>th</sup>, – adults-only movie screening. Ed will do AV, Melissa Dye will do the promotion.

**TREASURER UPDATE**

- Budget to Actual Review
- Lara asked a question about Family Giving and Passport program. The Passport program has been successful, but it created complications with the committees whose events were included. We will return to this conversation at a later date.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS (10 minutes)**

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- Fundraising Update (Lara/Jill) – Yankee Fundraiser April 30th. Email blast will go out on Sunday March 5th.
- School Store (Leslie) – Designs from students are coming in, due tomorrow. She will review these and the other designs and vet with Louise.

*NEW BUSINESS (15 minutes)*

- Possible Diversity Event in Conjunction with One Book One New York, a program through the mayor's office where people have voted on what book they feel would be appropriate to promote to all New Yorkers to read at the same time. Andrea proposed having a school-wide voluntary book club for the book chosen for One Book New York.
- Support was voice for a suggestion to invite a guardianship/estate planning attorney at a PTA meeting.

*MARCH PTA MEETING AGENDA- March 30, 2017 @ 6:30pm*

NEED A DRAW - Presentation of Parent Survey Results, Auction Preview, General Meeting begins at 6:30pm - Dinner will be served and Childcare will be provided for PS 199 Students

Meeting adjourned 7:53pm

Minutes respectfully submitted Rebecca Zimba