

P199 PTA GENERAL MEETING
November 10, 2015

Motion carried to approve the general PTA meeting minutes from October 14, 2015 meeting.

Walkathon recap - Andrea.

Came out ahead of where we budgeted; fewer people registered than in previous years, though we made more money at the carnival in the yard. Please remember to register! Many thanks to Geraldine Artaud and Elizabeth Nunez for their hard work. If you want to get involved in the Walkathon committee for next year, they are already starting to work on Walkathon 2016.

Family Giving Pledge Drive - Andrea

We want to encourage participation, at any amount, in the Family Giving Pledge Drive. This is one of our lowest cost fundraiser. Paper form can be downloaded online from the PTA website. Also there are links to set up electronic payments online. Contributions are 100% tax-deductible.

Free fundraising

Amazon - Link is on the website. We get 4-10% of purchases.

Fairway - Lisa is here with more cards! We get 3-4.5% of purchases.

Farmigo - many of the same vendors from the Union Square farmer's market.

Schoola - Charlotte

Box Tops - Felice

Volunteer link on the website

Committees in need of new members

Community Cares

Auction - there are a lot of little ways to get involved, so don't be intimidated by this large event or committee.

Stars on Stage - 4th and 5th grade talent show in the spring

Garden - next meeting will be Friday December 4th at 11am.

Healthy Child, Healthy Planet - Sustainability coordinator Lisa Taylor

Recognized Charlotte Gordon for her contributions and commitment to

Next meeting will be Monday, December 7th

Technology Investment update

Staff and executive board members have been working on researching purchasing 30 more Chromebook laptops for Grades 4-5. Last year the general PTA body voted to approve allocating money for the school to use for technology investments. Over the summer we purchased a cart and laptops dedicated to the science classroom. This recent purchase represents a trial and if it goes well we may purchase more.

PCB updated

Latest round of air testing October 2, 2015.

All rooms tested came back with reading levels below applicable guidance, and 4 of 11 rooms reported a Not Detected reading.

Re-zoning

CEC meeting last night.

DOE failed to present an alternate zoning plan for PS199 or any of the lower portion of District 3.

DOE rejected the resolutions passed by the CEC on Monday night, including
Capping PS199 Kindergarten sections at 5 for 2016/2017.
Suspending the right of return for 2015/2016 waitlist students for 1st grade in 2016/2017
Excluding any new residential development planned for the current PS199 zone from the PS199 zone.
PS199's SLT will be meeting with representatives from the DOE to discuss additional supports we will need to handle our growing student body and the long waitlist that will undoubtedly exist after the kindergarten application process for 2016/2017.
We will continue to communicate with families about how they can get involved and support the staff, teachers, and students in this school.

Science Center Update

Garden Committee chairperson Nora Filippi is stepping down, so we need a new chairperson, who will work collaboratively with JoEllen Schuleman

Dirt Day - moved some of the plants and trees that were in the location where the science center will go.

Tentative architectural drawing and renderings presented.

Alumni day for students who have already graduated who were sad not to be able to use it.

Question about the large trees that have to be removed. They are too large to be relocated. They will be repurposed as benches and other goods throughout the school. Andrea said she had been working with Nora Filippi to determine what trees the PTA could purchase to replace these.

Question about how the decision was made

School Safety Presentation

Assistant Principal Joshua Griffiths

Blue cards contain all contact information about every child in the school. If any of your contact information has changed please update your card in the school office.

Firedrills, soft lockdowns, and shelter-in-place drills are regularly practiced throughout the year.

Exit alarms. If you accidentally set one off, please stay where you are and wait until a school administrator comes to determine whether a child may have left the building.

Crisis de-escalation plan for children who may be at risk for hurting themselves or others.

Code blue. Practice twice a year on mannequins. 2 AEDs in the building. Training on January 30th, after which the school will have 19 certified responders.

There are monthly safety meetings.

EPI Pen training and asthma training is provided to paraprofessionals, and of course teachers are notified of students with health needs.

Substitutes are given information about general response protocols.

Floor wardens check for anyone who may be left in the building after a drill.

Safe rooms on every floor.

Budget was reviewed

Principal's Q&A

Question about the recess coaches. Contract under review by the DOE because of the amount of the contract

Louise thanked the teachers, staff, parents, and PTA for their help supporting the school. Meeting was adjourned.