

PS199 PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2016

Motion carried to approve the March PTA general meeting minutes.

- Keyboarding: **Lisa Taylor** is teaching 3rd graders typing using Typing Without Tears. May 12th between 3pm and 6pm is open house, so please stop by the library if you have any questions.
- Green Team: **Lisa Taylor** mentioned the student leaders as part of the Green Team Tuesday morning before school, and Charlotte Gordon who is also helping with the Plastic-free Fridays initiative. Charlotte is selling Lunch Skins, reusable snack bags. PS199 has been selected to be one of the first schools in the Zero Initiative, being rolled out next year. We are recognized as a school with excellent sustainability practices.
- Auction: **Kathy Sayko**. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated! Thorough thanks will be made in May. We are on track to hit our revenue target! Online auction is still open until 10:01pm tonight; the Golden State Warriors basketball bidding will end later in the evening. Breaking up redemption process as we did last year by the first initial of bidder's last name. Your receipt email will have the details of that process. This was Kathy's last auction as chair of the committee. Thank you Kathy for your amazing leadership!
- SLT: **Victoria Kopper**. SLT coordinates the trips for the school. Thank these people when you see them!
 - Kindergarten
 - Teacher – Jamie Zucker
 - Parent – Dorine Grollman
 - First Grade
 - Teacher – Nancy Deakin/Chelsea Steiner
 - Parent – Rachel Berger
 - Second Grade
 - Teacher – Colette Hall
 - Parent – Ariana Stoler
 - Third Grade
 - Teacher – Lauren Becker
 - Parent – Lisa Ballard
 - Fourth Grade
 - Teacher – Robyn Pensak
 - Parent – Shari Katz
 - 5th Grade
 - Teacher – Kirsten Loderer
 - Parent – Katherine Bruck
- Elections for the PTA executive board and SLT will be in May.
- Broadway Night. **Andy Taylor** played the Banker's Song from the musical Once to drum up interest in the remaining 50 tickets to Broadway Night!
- Science Center and Earth Day. **Karen Cape**. Contractors are bidding on the project this week. Saturday May 7th 1-4pm Earth Day. Best and most important Earth Day event to date because the Science Center project will be beginning. Many Earth Day volunteer opportunities available! The Science Center and Garden Committees have merged for now, but we are seeking a Garden Committee chairperson!
- Scholastic Book Fair 9am-4pm May 9th - May 13th. Consider contributing to the school-wide teacher fund, where we pool all donations and divide them among all of the teachers. Two-hour shifts starting at 8:30am. Summer Reading will be

emphasized at this fair, with books recommended for each age group will be highlighted somewhere in the hallway that week.

- Treasurer's Report. **Ed Aldridge**. Technology update: we are purchasing more Chromebooks for the upper grades in waves. Auction budget looks like it will be met. If you have any questions about corporate matching contact Ed and Andrea.
- Water testing. **Andrea Steinkamp**. Water testing was done the last week of March. Results not yet received. Last testing was done in 2006, and the results were all within normal limits. A water flushing protocol is in place on Monday mornings and after any break.
- Annual PCB testing took place in February. All the rooms came back below guidance level. We are at the end of the School Construction Authority (SCA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 5-year pilot program for monitoring and testing for PCBs. We will be requesting something in writing to ensure the city continues to help us mitigate and contain the potential for exposure to PCBs.
- Principal's Update. **Louise Xerri**. The students have been a little more relaxed because the tests are not timed. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students get extra recess after the testing in the afternoon to help them get out their nervous energy. We find that many kids fall a reading level over the summer, so keep encouraging your kids to read over the summer! The Kindergarten waiting list has been cleared in 6 sections. There are some families with 1st grade students.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Rebecca Zimba