

PS199 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 22nd, 2016

PRESENT

Andrea Steinkamp
Amy Friedland
Danielle Winfield
Ed Aldridge
Imran Husain
Jenni Wolf
Jill Urban
Lara Bursor
Melissa Dye
Rebecca Zimba
Renee Eanes
Victoria Micalizzi

VISITORS

Leslie Cawdron
Moe Bardach
Victoria Kopper
Wendy Hutter

Louise Xerri
Enrique Gonzales

- Words of welcome by Andrea and Victoria.
- Motion carried to approve of June 2016 EB Minutes

PRINCIPALS' BUSINESS

- Enrollment Update - 887 students currently enrolled. Discussion about how this might impact funding for teachers' positions. Discussion about incoming K siblings forecast for the next several years based on the sibling survey sent out last year.
- Curriculum and Programming Updates - Focusing on writing curriculum this year. Using Foundations for spelling and phonics in K and 1st grade. Staff development – reaching out to other staff development programs in addition to Teacher's College. NY philharmonic, NDI in 4th and 1st grade, Children's Theater and Center for Architecture in 2nd grade. Lincoln Center (LCE) in kindergarten. Chess in 2nd-4th. Materials for the Arts in 3rd grade. Ms. Schuleman is going to continue the coding club for 5th graders.
- Science Center - Update. Meeting with the SCA and public officials on October 5th.
- PCB Testing and Monitoring Program Status - Update. Lilly Shames is helping us with energy and conservation helping us put in funding requests for air quality. Rebalance and clean the ventilation system

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Victoria Kopper, co-chair of the SLT, was invited to attend tonight's meeting. The PTA president attends the SLT meeting.
- Re-zoning Update. 3,000 signatures from Lincoln Towers to oppose zoning them out of PS199. Zoning committee had public hearings in the last several weeks, but the DOE recently said they would be bringing a new zoning plan to a meeting next week. Joe Fiordaliso, CEC3 president, expressed hope that the DOE would release the 3rd plan before the meeting so that the meeting could be productive. Next public meeting is September 28th.
- PAL Elections – PAL terms are from election at the October general PTA meeting to June 30th.
- PS 199 Passport Launch and Family Giving – Matt Godson, parent of a 2nd grader, came up with the idea of a Passport, which gives families tickets to auction, Walkathon, Broadway Night, and includes some dollars for family giving. Andrea Steinkamp, Amy Friedland, and Lara Bursor, and Jill Urban worked with Matt over the summer to flesh out the idea. Special Passport table at Walkathon.

CALENDAR OF PTA EVENTS

- New non-K Family Chat and Chew - Friday, September 23rd 8:45am
- Back to School Nights - September 27th and 28th 6:00pm
- K Meet and Greet - September 27th 7:15pm
- General PTA Meeting - September 29th 8:45am
- Committee Chair meeting - September 30th 8:45am
- Walkathon - October 15th 9:30am
- 2016/2017 Calendar Review. Diversity Committee hasn't made decisions about their November event. There are also dates on the calendar for Diversity events in February and June.
- Lara Bursor asked about the wine tasting event, which currently is on a Thursday in January and Broadway Night is the next Sunday. Jenni Wolf suggested moving it to January 12th.

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TREASURER UPDATE

- Current fiscal year review.
- Discussion of professional development budget
- Andrea asked about recess coaches.
- Victoria talked about the idea of a Buddy Bench. A Buddy Bench is a bench painted a special color where kids who don't have anyone to play with can sit down, and then other kids can approach the bench and ask them to join in their game.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Andrea brought up the fact that there is no Garden Committee at the moment. Karen Cape has been nominally both the Science Committee chair and Garden Committee chair. Patrick Weisel had the garden contract last year and Andrea and Louise discussed his proposal for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Andrea called for a vote to approve a budget increase of \$500 for the Garden budget and contract with Patrick Weisel.

NEW BUSINESS

- Imran asked about Mighty Milers. Rob Regan is going to incorporate it into his physical education program.
- Imran asked for help getting photographs for the screen in the lobby. Photos of special events can be sent to an email address which forwards the photos to a Dropbox account that publishes to the screen.
- Rebecca gave a shout out about iVolunteer.

SEPTEMBER PTA MEETING AGENDA- SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 @ 8:45am

Re-Zoning Update, Walkathon Preview, Presentation of 2015/2016 Financial Results, Presentation of 2016/2017 Budget, Breakfast

Meeting adjourned 7:42pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rebecca Zimba