

PS199 PTA MEETING
June 7, 2016

- Motion carried to approve May 2016 general meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Lainie Kernis from **Community Cares** stood up to talk about the City Harvest summer Feed the Kids Food Drive — bring canned fruit, vegetables, hot and cold cereal, mac and cheese, etc. No glass containers please!
- One Sandwich at a Time 5th grade service event — 5th graders from PS191 and PS199 made 1,400 soy nut butter and jelly sandwiches in under an hour! Thanks to Fairway for the bread and all the PS199 families who donated sandwich-making supplies.
- Thank you to the **Welcoming Committee** for hosting the K tours and buddy program — Michelle Gere, Jenn Ligouri, April Darrow, and other PS199 parents who volunteer for the buddy program.
- Recap of the Around the World with PS199 **Diversity Committee** event from last Saturday: 400+ kids attended, 7 countries, cricket, soccer, and martial arts, performances. Bindu Vasudeva spoke about the activities from Tanzania. Daniella Messina spoke about the activities for Australia. Kristel Chou spoke about the evolution of the event as a suggestion from the parent community. They already have families interested in helping represent other countries at a similar event next year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 9th - no school
- June 14th - no school
- June 17th - 5th grade graduation
- June 22nd - all school picnic
- June 28th - last day of school (half day)

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Introduction of 2016-2017 PTA executive board officers
- Introduction of 2016-2017 School Leadership Team parent members:

Returning members Year 2 of 2 term	Members-Elect Year 1 of 2 term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Liz Sutherland▪ Victoria Kopper▪ Ellen Schultz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Anu Sehgal▪ Scott Oscher▪ Wendy Hutter▪ Robert Schlaff
- Retiring PTA members
 - o Lisa Ballard
 - o Michele Riggio
- Retiring SLT members
 - o Eric Shuffler
 - o Hazel May
 - o Jeanne Widerka
- PAL Elections are held in October of each school year and their term runs through June 30th. Thank you to our 2015-2016 PALs

<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Wendy Huttero Leslie Cawdrono Melissa Dyeo Jill Urban	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Kiran Abido Ken Jewello Guy Vardio Mariana Crespi
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- Zoning Update
 - Two Community Education Council (CEC) meetings to discuss suggested changes to District 3 schools on Monday June 13 6:30pm-8:30pm at PS452, 100 West 77th Street, and June 20th 6:30pm-8:30pm at PS191, 210 West 61st Street.
 - Proposed changes from previous meetings are PS452 moving to PS191 and PS191 moving to the new school site of PS342. These are proposed changes only.
- Science Center Update
 - Three weeks ago the School Construction Authority notified us that the bids for the science center came back high. They will try to have the project re-bid in July and hope that it will come back more closely aligned with their original proposal.

TREASURER UPDATE

- Ed Aldridge handed out the Budget-to-Actual review through May 31, 2016, including a forecast through June 30, 2016.
- Because of our successful fundraising and cost controlling the PTA has a budget surplus, which we need to vote on spending tonight.
 - The Executive Board is proposing to reimburse PS199 \$10,000 for the National Dance Institute program for 1st graders.
 - The Executive Board is proposing to give PS199 \$15,000 to fund furniture and equipment replacements and upgrades.
 - The Executive Board is proposing to allocate the remaining balance to the reserve fund.
- Motion carried to allocate the funds as proposed by the Executive Board.
- Andrea reviewed the Cash Position report and the expenditure of the cash on hand
 - Question about how the DOE communicates funding to the school.
- 2016-2017 proposed budget was distributed. Andrea acknowledged Ed's time and effort preparing the budget reports.
 - One big difference is that the fundraising and 5th grade dues that go towards Frost Valley will not be going through the PTA next year, but through the school office.

PRINCIPAL'S BUSINESS

- Louise thanked the PTA, teachers, and staff, and the children for a wonderful year.
- Question about staffing. Adding a second grade class to accommodate the large outgoing 1st grade class, which she has staffed. She is opening a 5th grade Inclusive Collaborative Teaching class, and has hired for that position.
- Question about water testing. One sink tested high, but it was never and will never be used by or for the children.
- Karen Cape put out the call for a gardening committee chair, since as of now she is doing both the garden and science center. Email karencape at gmail dot com.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Zimba