



**PS 10 PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 24, 2013**

Location: P.S. 10 Auditorium

Executive Board Attendees: Mike Andres, Nancy Berson, Maribeth Dono, Stephanie Hochman, Jane Kotapish, Velma McKenzie, Hope Moriki, Dempsey Rice, Amy Schwartzman, Ledra Solomon, Lisa Vincentti, Kam Wong

The meeting was called to order at 8:51 am.

- I. OT Dept: Discussed the lack of funding from DOE for this dept and ask that the PTA supplement resources. The department see approximately 80 students and also screens and do observations which is another 40 students. The OT dept is under the OFC which operates outside of Ms. Scotts Budget. Last year the department got not funding from OFC, but got funding from PTA. \$500 will be voted on later in the meeting for funding.
- II. The Minutes from the December meeting were approved by motion. Lisa Vincetti motioned, Laura Mash seconded. No objections. Motion approved.
- III. Presidents' Report – Co-Presidents Amy Schwartzman and Stephanie Hochman
 1. Felix Ortiz visited Exec Board Meeting. He is part of committee of Mental Health and an advocate of gun control.
 2. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music Program: Recorder program has started for 3rd graders.
 3. Readdathon will start 2/15-3/15. The PTA would like 100% participation. Ursula Ocampo will be chair.
- IV. Treasurers' Report – MariBeth Dono
 1. Preparing for Audit. Need people to step up for audit committee.
 2. Treasurers needed for next year, if you have financial experience, the PTA needs you.
 3. Craft Fair made \$1k less then budgeted.
 4. Direct Appeal made its goal, funds are still coming in.
 5. Lice Removal-still need money, appeal went out. Last year at the same time, we had 170 cases, this year 15 cases.
Thank you to Nancy Berson and her team.
 6. Teachers Gift Certificate – 2nd one will be sent to the classroom teachers.
- V. Principal's Report – Laura Scott
 1. Water pump is broken. Will be taken out Thursday, so no hot water Thursday and Friday. Hot water will be back on Monday.
 2. GRP drills. PS10 is part of a pilot program. There is a Professional Development Program at our school since we had a pilot program on how to respond in case of emergencies. We've had a hard lockdown, the 72nd precinct came in to observe. Our kids did phenomenal.
 3. PreK-there will be no preK next year to accommodate the growing population. We are anticipating 950 next school year. MS88's 1st floor was offered, but they have to move the program that is currently there. 2 or 3 preK classes maybe accommodated.
 4. Thank you for support and ideas.
 5. Ice Cream Day – raises \$17k for the school.
 6. Lunch-3 lunch periods are in discussion, but won't be initiated until next year. It takes a month to initiate a program. 4th and 5th graders have double periods of science.
 7. In May, 4th graders will start lunch release.
 8. School Professional-assists teachers. Mel Hess (former teacher at 321) has come in to assist. He is with 1 class for 2 weeks, then moves on to other classes. \$12/hr to the school professionals is the schools commitment.
 9. Will be purchasing 6 cafeteria tables. School will purchas 4, and asking PTA to purchase 2.
 10. Mayoral candidate, Bill DiBlasio (current Public Advocate). He was a big supporter of PS10. He gave PS10 a grant for \$35K for our computer lab.
 11. Sara Gonzalez – SCA meeting. Spoke about bathrooms.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Velma KcKenzie: reported on Afterschool. PS10 will be on 5/24/13.
2. Liz D will send out the Title 1 survey will be going out.
3. Movie Night – Arrietty on Friday 2/8.
4. Afterschool Classes will start planning for classes for next semester.
5. 5th Grade Committee-February Fundraiser-Sports Mania. Need volunteers. Will be using gym, cafeteria, auditorium.
6. Recess Committee-Roseanne C. Brainstorming for more productive recess. Trying to think outside the box. Ideas: Y program or auditorium. Keep Kids in the Game (used by PS39).
7. Need volunteers for Salad Bar.
8. Food Plus (formerly Healthy Steps)-meeting coming up next few weeks.
9. Lice Out presentation coming soon.

VII. SLT – Ali Koziel

1. CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan) is being worked on. Title1 parent involvement spending survery will be going out soon. Vote on how we should use the funds.

VIII. New Business

- \$325 for owl pellets for Science Dept. Motion to add to budget. Diedre Lewis motioned, Roseanne Ciarliante seconded. No objections. Motion passes.
- \$500 OT needs (immediate use). Motion to add to budget. April Jenkins motioned, Velma McKenzie seconded. No objections. Motion passes.
- Whistle Blower Policy and Record Retention Policy. Will be drafted and presented at February Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.