



**PS 10 PTA
General Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2014**

Location: P.S. 10 Auditorium

Executive Board Attendees: Stephanie Hochman, Velma McKenzie, Hope Moriki, Simone Ollen, Rebecca Trevethan, Mike Andres, Tyndall Arrasmith, Deborah Nocella, Natiea Cannon, Omar Karim

The meeting was called to order at 6:25pm.

- I. Hope Moriki motioned to approve the minutes from the December 19th meeting. Beth Manitsky seconded. Minutes were approved with all in favor.
- II. Principal's Report – Laura Scott
 1. New Chancellor, Carmen Fariña is in place. She has embraced parent participation in the past. Ms. Scott is hoping she will place less emphasis on testing.
 2. The holiday show was a huge success – Ms. Scott thanks parents for support that made the program possible.
 3. G&T testing start last weekend for children in the community, and will begin for kids at PS 10 next week. Parents will be notified a week prior to testing.
 4. Science Fair for 4th and 5th grade will take place February 4th at 6pm. Science Fair for 2nd and 3rd grade will be May 14th.
 5. National Dance Institute grant for Grade 4 started today. 35 kids applied and are participating.
 6. PS 10 is continuing to work out the details for improving school safety. The DOE head of the Department of Safety and Security insists that all parents and visitors must sign in and show ID to enter the school. This has made changes to Parents as Learning Partners necessary. It has become impossible to safely get over 600 parents into the school at once. Grades K/2/4 will alternate months with grades 1/3/5. Ms. Scott values Parents as Learning Partners, and wants to continue with these necessary changes.
 7. The school has recently hosted numerous visiting professionals. NYU student teachers recently visited and were impressed, Ms. Scott is now receiving a lot of resumes. Assistant Principals from around the city joined Ms. Watson and Ms. Napolitan on a tour of PS 10, and were also impressed with the school.
 8. The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music's recorder program is about to begin for the 3rd grade.
 9. The school's composting program has finally begun. The sanitation department waived the fine for starting late because they were so impressed with the recycled lunch trays that the school uses.
 10. Monday morning school will resume in March. SLT will be discussing a plan for the Monday morning school time.
 11. Kimoichi dolls were delivered this week, and the teachers and kids are excited to have them in the classrooms.
 12. Saturday school to support struggling learners in grades 3, 4 and 5 will begin in March. Invited children will receive support in ELA and math. Saturday school will be 8:30-12:30 on March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th for ELA and April 5th and 26th for math.
 13. Readathon will begin March 11th.
 14. Academic intervention teachers are in place for small group instruction. Teachers are very happy and want to thank the PTA for making it possible. Every grade has at least one additional teacher.
- III. SLT Report
 1. Continuing to work with teachers and administration on:
 - i. Supporting teachers and parents with issues related to measures of student learning and high stakes testing. Looking at how other SLTs are supporting parents with communication about relationship between assessments and instruction.
 - ii. Supporting Title 1 parent representatives on the Title 1 parent survey. The Common Core learning standards education meeting was paid for with Title 1 parent education funds.

iii. Exploring ways to attract school professionals to support teachers.

2. SLT meets every other Friday and everyone is welcome to attend.

IV. Treasurers Report – Hope Moriki, Deborah Nocella

1. The PTA budget is about 15% above where we were this time last year in the Direct Appeal Income category.
2. The PTA Afterschool is anticipating a \$35,000 permit fee expense in January.

V. New Business

1. Recap of the Surplus Survey Report
 - i. Top survey result requested for help for teachers, struggling learners. Second survey response was air conditioning for the school. Participatory budgeting process is being pursued for air conditioning infrastructure/wiring, since it is an expense above what the PTA has available funds for.
2. PTA is proposing the \$104,000 surplus to be spent as follows:
 - i. \$50,000 to remain in savings
 - ii. \$30,000 to be contributed to a fund that the administration can use as they see fit to assist teachers in the classroom.
 - iii. \$24,000 to be reserved in the event that participatory budgeting money can be used to wire the school for air conditioning. The school would need to purchase the actual air conditioning units.
3. Alex Leduc motions to vote on the PTA spending proposal. Passes with 2 abstentions.
4. The International Dinner has been moved to February 27th.
5. PS 154 has proposed PS 10 hosting a joint hoedown on February 8th, in the PS 10 cafeteria. Hope Moriki motioned to approve the addition of \$500 expense for this event to the PTA budget. Tyndall Arrasmith seconded. Passed with 1 opposed.

VI. Presidents' Report – Stephanie Hochman

1. Readathon is being chaired by Ursula Ocampo Please contact Stephanie for her email address if you'd like to volunteer.
2. Paper Contest – Ms. McCormack's 4th grade class won with 110 reams of paper. Ms. Glembocki's class was in second place with 38 and Mrs. Bookman's class came in 3rd with 36.
3. CEC District 15 meeting on January 21st at 6:00 at PS 133 will discuss elementary school choice in District 15 as well as the kindergarten application process.
4. Ms. Scott is being honored by New York State Assemblyman, Jim Brennan at Grand Prospect Hall on February 1st. Contact Stephanie Hochman if you are interested in attending.

VII. Committee Reports

1. Afterschool for February 4th half day registration deadline is January 24th. Accepting cash or check payments only.
2. Mike Andres - Online Auction begins Monday, January 20th. There will be a link on the school website.
3. Velma McKenzie – PS 10 Rocks will be March 28th, first committee meeting will be this week.
4. Jodi Alperin –
 - i. Literacy Week starts February 10th. Needs readers for Tuesday, February 11th, also a digital scavenger hunt leader.
 - ii. PS 67 has sent thank you notes for the donated books. Still collecting books during First Fridays.
5. Selina Alko - the author committee has several author visits planned this spring for the younger grades to coincide with testing for grades 3, 4 and 5.
6. A nominating committee will be forming in February to find nominees for next year's PTA executive board.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.