



**PS 10 PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 20, 2014**

Location: PS 10 Auditorium

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Stephanie Hochman, Amy Schwartzman, Hope Moriki, Rebecca Trevethan, Nancy Berson, Simone Ollen, Deborah Nocella, Tyndall Arrasmith, Natiea Cannon, Jing Jia, Velma McKenzie, Mike Andres

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 pm.

- I. Approval of the February Minutes. Alex Le Duc made the first motion; Rachel Stack seconded. All were in favor.
- II. Principal's Report – Presented by Stephanie Hochman
  1. PS 10 Bathroom and Auditorium Renovations.
    - i. School Construction Authority has worked out a plan for these projects, construction to start in June after school has let out for the year.
    - ii. The auditorium will get new seats, a new stage, and new electrical
  2. Principal Scott was invited by Chancellor Farina to speak at a conference for new principals.
  3. Hydroponics Program. School in Syracuse will be mentoring PS 10.
- III. Old Business
  1. Participatory Budgeting Update—Delegate Meredith Davis
    - i. There are \$2 million dollars to be allocated for spending on capital projects in District 38.
    - ii. PS 10's proposal on the ballot is for \$160,000 to upgrade building wiring for AC.
    - iii. District 38 does not entirely overlap with our parent body. Reach out to neighbors, canvas the neighborhood.
    - iv. Voting is March 30 – April 6, however, Sunday, March 30 is the important day for voting in our area. Vote at Greenwood Park beer garden from 12:00 – 5:00pm, 3/20/13.
    - v. Voters only need to live in the district and be 16 years of age. They need not be registered to vote.
    - vi. Amy Schwartzman and Katherine Kercher are designing a flyer that will be e-blasted to class parents.
- IV. Presidents' Reports—Stephanie Hochman and Amy Schwartzman
  1. Affinity Banking
    - i. The TD Bank branch on Prospect Park Southwest will link any TD Bank account with the PS 10 PTA.
    - ii. PS 10's affinity banking number is #AF671.
    - iii. ½% of the cumulative average balance of all affinity accounts to be given to the PS 10 PTA.
    - iv. For each new account opened, TD Bank will award \$25 to new account holder and \$25 to PS 10 PTA.
    - v. Please pass the word around.
  2. Treasurers will start working on preliminary budgets. PTA is looking for people to work on the budget committee.
- V. SLT Report—Rachel Stack
  1. This School Leadership Team (comprised of administrators, teachers, parents) meets every other Friday morning in the library at 7:45 am.

2. Pre-K Initiative. Principal Scott reported on the possibility of space at MS88 being used for this as well as all the things that would need to happen for the plan to work. District 75 students would have to move from MS88.
3. Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP). SLT identified academic goals for this plan. Important is cross content curriculum and how teachers and administrators are working to link the different curricula.
4. Question from Velma McKenzie: Will there be lunch release for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders? Answer: The meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> will discuss this item.
5. C30 Process for hiring another Assistant Principal. SLT looking at resumes.

#### VI. Treasurers' Reports—Deborah Nocella (Afterschool) and Hope Moriki (PTA)

1. Afterschool budget is 10K up and running in the black. Payroll is a little lower than normal because there were two weeks off. We are on track.
2. PTA budget has not had much activity recently, other than paying for school professionals. Moved this expense to the teacher ratio line in the budget because a large amount of our money is there.

#### VII. New Business—Amy Schwartzman

1. YMCA Swimming Program for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders
  - i. There is no more Y funding for the program. An additional \$3,250 needed for the rest of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to finish; about 65 students at \$50 each. PTA is proposing to provide the additional \$3,250 from the PTA budget.
  - ii. Roseanne Ciarlante asked what would be taken out of the budget to cover this expense. Nancy Berson answered that proposal is to take out this school year's third teacher appreciation luncheon (\$2500) and put this money toward the swimming program.
  - iii. Hope Moriki made the first motion to pass this proposal. Meredith Davis seconded. All were in favor, no abstentions. The proposal passed.

#### VIII. Committee Reports

1. PS 10 Rocks—Velma McKenzie
  - i. On March 28. Café for the event opens at 5:30pm; show starts in auditorium at 6:30pm.
  - ii. "Club 10" will be in the lunchroom, a kid dance party.
  - iii. Tickets on sale next Monday in the lobby, 8 – 9 AM and online.
  - iv. Need some strong people to hoist setup on the Thursday, 3/27.
2. PS 10 Talent Show—Megan Nyhan
  - i. Event is May 29 at 6:30pm.
  - ii. Packets will go in folders on Monday.
  - iii. Dancing, magic, music, art, and more included. As long as acts are complete and rehearsed, students may be in the show.
  - iv. Looking for committee volunteers.
3. Recess Committee—Roseanne Ciarlante
  - i. The committee has made a map of the playground. Map to be laminated so children can see where various areas are.
  - ii. Created a newsletter (weekly) that has game suggestions, places to sit if one wants to read, and buddy benches. Marvin using a subpara to run another skills area.
  - iii. Playworks is a training program that would train 40 or so people (teachers, aides, administrators) to help organize and run recess. Cost would be \$4500 - \$7500. It was suggested that perhaps PS295 could split the cost with PS 10, each school training 20 people.
  - iv. Meredith Davis reported that the 78<sup>th</sup> precinct has an internship program in which high school age students work with younger students. Perhaps interns could work under Marvin? Also, could we reallocate our gym teachers to be out at recess?
  - v. Mighty Milers is starting with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. They run on 17<sup>th</sup> Street on clearly marked areas.

- vi. Laura Scott has agreed that some children may stay inside to do chess and games in order to alleviate the crowded playground somewhat.
- vii. The recess committee is always looking for more people to help.
- 4. Nominating Committee—Roseanne Ciarlante
  - i. Nominations forms for the PTA Executive Board are going out soon.
  - ii. Every position is open every year.
- 5. Square One Art—Stephanie Hochman reminded parents to order.

IX. Other

- 1. DOE Testing
  - i. Stephanie Hochman attended The Chancellor's Parent Advisory Meeting where an update on the tests coming up was given.
  - ii. The DOE does not have an official policy for opting out of the tests.
  - iii. There was a "Change the Stakes" Meeting at PS 154 recently. Working to revise the promotion policy to deemphasize testing.
  - iv. Currently, when No Child Left Behind funds are involved, 95% or greater of a school's student population must take the tests.
  - v. Out of 1.5 million children in the NYC public school system, 113 students opted out of testing in 2012 compared with 320 students in 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm. Hope Moriki made the first motion. Mike Andres seconded.