



**P.S. 10 PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2014**

Location: P.S. 10 Auditorium

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Velma McKenzie, Andrew Rosenberg, Hope Moriki, Deborah Nocella, Simone Ollen, Rebecca Trevethan, Nancy Berson, Jane Kotapish, Megan Nyhan, Hatshepsut Shaw, RoseAnn Ciarlante, Colleen Henckels, Omar Karim, Kathryn Kercher, Shaila Rao, Cozbi A. Cabrera, Philip Moustafis, Caroline Dorsen

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

- I. Officer Daniel McGrath from the 72nd Precinct addressed the PTA about the double parking situation that is occurring at drop off and pick up. It is creating a dangerous situation on both Prospect Avenue and 17th Street. The Precinct has assigned an officer to these corners who will begin ticketing tomorrow morning.
 1. The PTA will try to email parents tonight to let them know ticketing will begin tomorrow.
- II. Tom Foley spoke to the PTA about his Christmas Tree fundraiser. Mr. Foley sells Christmas trees on 8th Avenue and 8th Street. Last year, he donated \$500 to the PTA. Mr. Foley donates \$10 per tree. If the school reaches 10% of student body participation, he matches 50%. At the 20% participation level, Mr. Foley matches 100%. He is a partner in the Canadian farm that the trees come from. The farm is sustainable, and they cut the trees at the last week possible before shipment.
- III. Approval of the October Minutes. A correction was made to the minutes to reflect that the 2nd grade swim income will have an equal budget expense amount. Hope Moriki motioned to approve the minutes. Alex LeDuc seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- IV. Principal's Report – Laura Scott
 1. A second grade father has passed away suddenly. Ms. Ryan and the school administration will be working on addressing grief issues.
 2. Mr. Brennan is designating \$125,000 of discretionary capital funds to PS 10. This money will be used to upgrade computer lab with new equipment. It may also make possible a relocation of the computer lab, which would enable all of grades 3-5 to be housed on the 4th floor.
 3. Bathroom construction demolition will start on the girls' bathroom next week while the school is on vacation. Construction on the boys' bathroom is waiting on urinals.
 4. Met Opera is up and running. The instructors performed an excerpt from Magic Flute for some classes, and it was extraordinary.
 5. Science Robotics program has begun for ten 2nd graders.
 6. PS 10 is at 97% capacity. PS 10 and K280 have 1106 students. PS 10 has 975. K280 may possibly add a 9th class at K280.
 7. School goals remain the same: technology, math, writing, collaboration between teachers and grades.
 8. Little Hands, Big Hearts kids will be singing at an outreach to Bishop Boardman.
 9. NDI Grant from Menchaca's office has started – 4th graders are dancing Thursday afternoons until June.
 10. Holiday show will be December 17th in the afternoon and the 18th in the evening. Location is yet to be determined, possibly at Bishop Ford or possibly John Jay High School.
 11. Afterschool Program with MS 88 is going well.
 12. The new report cards system takes 24 to 48 hours to print, and they were working out some glitches.

V. SLT Report—Marie Edesses

1. SLT meets tomorrow morning at 8am.
2. Last meetings have focused on communication within the school community and curriculum.
3. Action items that have come out of the last meetings:
 - i. How to support teachers and school with technology that is not directly managed by the DOE.
 - ii. Fully transparent protocol surrounding field trips and safety.
 - iii. Addressing teacher concerns regarding parent sign in procedure.
4. Tomorrow's meeting will be examining the document SLT uses for goals and looking at future goal setting, in particular for 5th grade matriculation.
5. A question was raised about translation services. Lisa Hamilton will investigate a translation service that she was part of in previous years. The PTA will make more of an effort to translate flyers.

VI. Treasurers' Report—Andrew Rosenberg

1. Auction numbers are incomplete because of how the reports are generated.
2. Fundraising was short for the 2nd grade swim.
3. We will be discussing further how to use the Amazon fundraiser gift cards that we have accumulated.

VII. Afterschool Treasurers' Report—Deborah Nocella and Hope Moriki

1. The Afterschool program has collected \$138,000 income to date. There will be less income in November and December. In November, Afterschool will pay more expenses.

VIII. Old Business

1. Auction report – final numbers are not in yet, but we are projecting income between \$65,000-\$70,000. Thanks to all the auction committee members, as well as all the other team member who made the auction happen.
2. Recess update – KING is going well. Kids and administration are both happy.

IX. New Business

1. Title One Funds report by Caroline Dorsen
 - i. Presentation of Preliminary Results of Survey handout.
 - ii. Items that stood out – parents would like support on the middle school application process, and homework. There was also interest in a system of text messages for important dates.
 - iii. A lot of comments fell into themes of parent/child together events, translation services, communication issues.
 - iv. There was discussion on how to make sure that the survey is reaching families for whom Title one funds are intended.
 - v. Other suggestions for how to spend Title One funds were made from the floor. Further investigation and discussion will take place, possibly at specific Title One meetings.
2. Book drive, food drive – book drive notices were slow to make it to backpacks, there will be another drive later either pre- or post- holiday. The Harvest day food drive is tomorrow.
3. Family Giving Campaign – end of year push. New flyer was distributed trying to reach people interested in becoming sustaining supporters.
4. Teacher Recognition program – Jane Kotapish
 - i. Website will feature a different teacher each month with a profile and recent achievements.
5. Audit – we have been selected for an audit by Department of Labor, which will happen at the beginning of December.

X. Committee Reports

1. Farmigo CSA – new project for the PTA. Shop online for local produce, dairy, meat and pick up delivery at PS 10 on Monday afternoons. Every month PS 10 has over \$500 in orders, we receive 10% of orders. Jane looking for helpers, particularly in distributing deliveries on Mondays. Will start in December.

2. Barnes & Noble fundraiser is happening December 14th. PS 10 gets 10%-20% of purchases made with code either in store on Sunday or the week of December 14-19 online. Looking for volunteers to recruit buyers on sidewalk.
3. PS 10 Rocks is scheduled for January 23rd or possibly a little later. Committee is looking for volunteers and acts.
4. STEAM fair happening in May. The committee is starting the process of reaching out to businesses who might want to be included.
5. Participatory budgeting process is beginning again. Looking at a gym floor and equipment project. Parents interested in working on this project should contact the PTA.
6. Fall afterschool session is winding down. Registration for winter will take place right before the holiday break. The class list should be published next week.
7. Bake sale made over \$700 on election day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm. Jodi Alperin made the first motion. Ali Hoden Baier seconded. All were in favor.