



**P.S. 10 PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 16, 2014**

Location: P.S. 10 Lunchroom

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Hope Moriki, Nancy Berson, Simone Ollen, Deborah Nocella, Tyndall Arrasmith, Natiea Cannon, Megan Nyhan, Velma McKenzie, Lisa Vicente, Onawa Gigliotti, Lisette Castro, Andrew Rosenberg, RoseAnn Ciarlante, Jane Kotapish

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am.

- I. Approval of the September Minutes. Caroline Dorsen made the first motion; Marie Edesess seconded. All were in favor.
- II. Principal's Report – Laura Scott
 1. P.S. 10 Named a Reward School by the New York State Education Department.
 - i. This identification acknowledges our school as one of the top schools in the state.
 - ii. No money is attached to this designation.
 2. Bathroom renovation of boys and girls gang bathrooms to start next week.
 3. Afterschool Program with MS 88.
 - i. In partnership with MS 88, second graders in this program go over to MS 88 Mondays afterschool to play sports, have dinner, and receive homework help.
 - ii. Third graders in the program do the same afterschool on Tuesdays.
 - iii. Also starting a soccer program for kindergartners on Wednesdays.
 4. Per Diem Teachers.
 - i. Thank you for the funds to hire per diem teachers, they are already pushing into classrooms.
 - ii. Two kindergarten push-in teachers are helping, but still looking for a K-experienced teacher.
 5. Pre-K Program at K-280
 - i. Teacher Anthony Fossino has been hired as coordinator at the school so that Chris Napolitan could come back to P.S. 10 to support our teachers.
 - ii. A new class (the 8th class) has been opened. It is almost full.
 - iii. Looking for new Pre-K staff.
 - iv. \$105,000 allocation just received to buy furniture and toys needed for the Pre-K classes.
 6. Academic Afterschool. Some teachers have started this instruction for strugglers and will soon also start working with students who excel.
 7. Parent/Teacher conversation time is on Tuesdays 2:45 – 3:55 pm.
 8. Student Lunch Release
 - i. Boundaries are 14th Street to 18th Street on 7th Avenue.
 - ii. Working well for 5th graders. Fourth graders will start lunch release in the spring.
 - iii. A parent asked if it is possible to have your child opt of the program. Yes, opting out is possible, however, Ms. Scott feels the kids are actually quite mature and ready.
- III. Treasurers' Report—Andrew Rosenberg
 1. The EBay grant for chess has been added to the budget. The chess program is for 3rd and 4th graders on Thursdays afterschool.
 2. The main item in September was Tenstock. Event did very well and netted \$1300 more than expected.
 3. Family giving funds have started to come in.

IV. Afterschool Treasurers' Report—Deborah Nocella

1. Unapplied Cash Income in report refers to individuals who overpaid for September Smash.
2. The PTA paid for the afterschool permit, so AS budget is not in the red. Showing \$16,000 profit.
3. Supply line will be amended. Recess supplies will be applied to PTA budget.

V. Elections of New Parent PTA Executive Board Members and Title One Representative.

1. Two parents who are new to the school are nominated as a slate: Cozbi A. Cabrera and Philip Moustafis. Co-Secretary Simone Ollen made the nomination. Deborah Nocella seconded. All were in favor. Candidates elected.
2. Parent Caroline Dorsen nominated for Title One Representative. Co-Secretary Simone Ollen made the nomination. Jane Kotapish seconded. All were in favor. Candidate elected.

VI. Old Business

1. 2014-2015 Budget Vote. Changes from approved June budget were listed.
 - i. Budget Income changes
 1. Chess Income of \$3,500 added as an EBay grant was received.
 2. Class Photo Income changed from \$20 to \$1,000.
 3. Dance Party Income of \$1,000 added, some parents want to do this event.
 4. Direct Appeal Income was raised to \$60K since we made \$59K last year.
 5. Lice Check Income increased from \$8K to \$9K as we have more students this year.
 6. Maker Faire Income of \$6K added for this great new event.
 7. Read-a-thon Income increased to \$19K from \$18K.
 8. Sponsorships Income decreased from \$6K to \$5200.
 9. Student Teacher Ratio Income decreased from \$5K to \$0, as these funds were taken from the Afterschool Program profit instead of the budget.
 10. Second Grade Swim Income was added to the budget at \$4K. The PTA is fronting the funds for this program while appeal to second grade parents goes out.
 11. Zumbathon Income of \$5K was added; a parent will run this new event.
 - ii. Budget Expense changes
 1. Numerous small expense changes were recounted, line by line. See proposed budget highlights for further information.
 2. Recess. Taking the expenses from two recess employee positions that no longer exist and putting it into the Recess Coordination/Staff line at \$17,700.
 - iii. Budget Vote. Meredith Davis made the motion to approve the budget. Megan Lappin seconded. All approved, the budget passed.
2. Recess Discussion and Vote—RoseAnn Ciarlante
 - i. Three options were explored: 1) Kids in The Game program, 2) Kids Orbit program, and 3) hiring another individual recess coordinator.
 - ii. For the price of hiring one recess coordinator, two coaches from Kids in The Game could be hired.
 - iii. Starting in November, the allocated funds would cover through to the end of the year.
 - iv. Kids in the Game (KITG) is recommended for a few reasons. KITG is a recess and after school program. All coaches are former college coaches and college athletes. KITG is currently at schools in NYC and our neighborhood, operating with great success.
 - v. Recess Vote. Nancy Berson made a motion to hire KITG for our recess program. Marie Edesess seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Amazon Affiliation. Click on the Amazon icon on the P.S. 10 homepage to earn money for our school while shopping at Amazon.

VII. New Business

1. New Committee: Little Hands, Big Hearts
 - i. This committee encourages kids to give back to the community.

- ii. Committee will work with the student council to get started.
 - iii. See committee chairs Rohi Pandya and Colleen Henckels to be a part of this group.
2. Family Giving Campaign.
 - i. Dempsey Rice and Criswell Lappin have created a fantastic brochure that is easy to use.
 - ii. Asking for \$300 per child to cover all our programs. This is a large part of our budget, please give what you can.
 3. New Treasurer. PTA still needs an additional treasurer to help with data entry and counting money.

VIII. SLT Report—Marie Edesess

1. Next SLT meeting is October 24, open to all.
2. SLT is focusing on improving its communication with the school community. To this end SLT is setting up a specific Gmail account for questions, placing two boxes in the school and one box in the main office for submitting questions anonymously.
3. Current SLT goals include: improving student writing, improving staff knowledge of technology, and posting meeting minutes on the website.
4. SLT discussed how the opening of K-280 affected P.S. 10.

IX. Committee Reports

1. Afterschool Committee
 - i. Afterschool Director Jacob Mirer introduced Qushema Johnson, as new After School Program Manager.
 - ii. Qushema will run the evening program, working 1:30/2:00 – 6:00pm each day.
 - iii. The committee could use some more people to help.
2. Auction Committee—Megan Nyhan and Mike Andres
 - i. Event Postcards recently went home in backpacks.
 - ii. Tickets are on sale, buy them now.
 - iii. Event will feature great music, open wine bar, delicious food.
 - iv. Auction still need items, both big and small. Email auction@ps10.org.
 - v. Mr. Ellis is looking for a bass player to play with him at the event.
3. Author Committee—Selina Alko
 - i. Author Chris Grabenstein recently visited P.S. 10 to meet with the fifth grade.
 - ii. Committee brings an author for each grade.
 - iii. Paul DuBois Jacobs and Jennifer Swender, authors of *My Subway Ride* and *My Taxi Ride* will visit P.S. 10 next week for Kindergarten classes.
 - iv. Author Brian Selznick to visit in the spring.
 - v. Suggestion was made by a parent to bring all authors together at once, perhaps for a panel.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am. Mike Andres made the first motion. Deborah Nocella seconded.