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General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 22, 2016 8:30 a.m. Cafeteria

Executive Board Members in Attendance: RoseAnn Ciarlante, Michael Gillis, Omar Karim, Jessica Klaus, Jane Kotapish, Jean Norton, Donald Norwood, Megan Nyhan, Simone Ollen, Andrew Rosenberg, Leah Ruggiero, Johanna Schiller, Suzanne Tully-Roman, Elizabeth Velez.

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

- I. Approval of minutes from the November PTA meeting. Michael made the first motion; Rachael seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
- II. Introduction by RoseAnn Ciarlante.
- III. Principal's Report—Laura Scott
 1. Thank you for all the hard work that is done on behalf of the school.
 2. The Holiday Show was great.
 3. The National Dance Institute program was paid for by the assemblyman and councilman.
 4. A new chorus and an after school band are set to start up.
 5. Off The Page, a specialized social studies program, will work with the 4th grade.
 6. Due to budget constraints, an after-school theatre arts program is being staffed by volunteer teachers. Students will be chosen by lottery.
 7. K280 has 400+ students and is doing amazingly well. Brooklyn College is setting up an in-house teaching program, shadowing K280 teachers.
 8. The vote was passed for MS442 to move into the Bishop Ford building.
 9. A robotics program has begun in two classrooms and will expand to whole grades next year.
 10. The Diversity Committee celebrates our differences and that notion was discussed with the student council. The Acts of Kindness initiative has begun. The Buddy Bench is outside in the playground for students who need it.
 11. Parents are encouraged to have conversations at home with their children about any apparently election-related incidents that may occur at school. If needed the school will follow the proper protocol. The Kimochi program is a strategy used to help younger children re:emotions.
 12. Several parents suggested a school-wide parent workshop on how to discuss race and diversity with children.
- IV. Treasurers' Report—Simone Ollen (PTA) and Leah Ruggiero (Extended Day)
 1. Total Income is \$59,930. Total Expenses are \$46,869. Total Net Month Income for November is \$13,061.75. \$25,000 was for MET OPERA.
 2. The income from the auction is at \$56,000 but will end up closer to \$60,000.

3. Fraudulent banking activity in the form of debits to the PTA account has been discovered and reported to the police. \$3,400 of \$4,000 has been recovered by the bank thus far. Thank you to Simone for her hard work on this problem. The PTA has closed the old bank account and opened a new account.
4. The K-280 Bake Sale raised \$1950.
5. Extended Day total income for the month of November was \$38,948.40, with expenses of \$63,870.76. Net operating income is \$24,922.36. September/October together show a profit of \$60,000.

V. Committee Reports

1. Auction Committee: should be close to \$60K when collection is complete.
2. Extended Day: winter registration is almost complete. Check your account to make sure it is up to date.
3. Harvest Day took place 11/22 during the lunch periods, with music, dancing and the children making "kindness garlands."
4. Food Drive: Both The Center for Family Life and Holy Name were thrilled with all the donations.
5. Happy Hour: will be ongoing monthly at Skylark for both fundraising and "FUNraising." Bring people down to the next one.
6. Diversity Committee: The Diversity Project will collect photos and stories of trailblazers within families of PS10 students and display them outside on the school yard fence. International Potluck Dinner is on 1/27 featuring cultural food tasting and live music.
7. 5th Grade Committee: Gary Nusser, committee chair, is collecting dues toward a class trip and other activities.
8. Progressive Dinner: tickets are on sale now for 1/7. Attendees will have cocktails and dinner in small groups, then join in a large group for dessert. It's a great way to meet newbies and parents from other grades.
9. Barnes and Noble Book Fair on 12/11 was a success; many thanks to all who participated. We made close to \$2,500 from this event. Holiday cards that were made at the event will be sent out to troops with Operation Gratitude.
10. Development and Tech Committees are looking for tech people and graphic designers.

VI. Presidents' Report—RoseAnn Ciarlante and Donald Norwood

1. Direct Appeal Campaign is in full swing. "The Power of 10" appeal on the 10th of every month will include community building activities.
2. New shirts and sweatshirts are now on sale. We will be adding coffee to the sales events.
3. Teacher gift certificates for supplies have gone out.
4. Sign up for Konstella and email Donald with any glitches. Remember to update your phone. Read the Konstella Newsflash and please acknowledge it. Megan works very hard on it. It will eventually allow us to cut down on paperwork.
5. Reach out to Lili to volunteer for the Read-A-Thon.

6. Sign up to help with PS 10's Got Talent.
 7. The STEAM Fair Committee will be starting up and needs volunteers.
 8. Call out for anyone who would like to start a social committee.
- VII. SLT Report—Laura Scott
1. Funding enrichment is the primary goal. Ms. Scott will try to write a grant for arts, music and theater funding. The budget has been updated and they are looking into having a diversity event.
 2. Title One surveys have gone out and results are trending toward having a conversation on race. Looking at the budget it looks like we will be able to do everything on the list.
- VIII. Custodial Report—Mike Kelly spoke about the lead water testing. All the drinking water is good. The handwashing sinks with problems will be labeled, eventually replaced and then retested.
- IX. Questions? What's on your minds?

Motion to adjourn was made by Sonja and seconded by Donald. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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