



P.S. 10 PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2016 6:00 p.m.,
Auditorium

Executive Board Members in Attendance: RoseAnn Ciarlante, Elizabeth Velez, Leah Ruggiero, Jean Norton, Donald Norwood, Johanna Schiller, Suzanne Tully-Roman, Megan Nyhan, Jessica Klaus, Andrew Rosenberg.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

- I. Approval of minutes from the October PTA meeting. Leah Ruggiero made the first motion; Megan Nyhan seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
- II. Introduction by RoseAnn Ciarlante.
- III. Principal's Report— Laura Scott
 1. PS 10 is a diverse community and would like anyone experiencing any difficulties or have any questions or concerns to approach the administration. There are plans to support workshops on diversity. There is also an Acts Of Kindness campaign that has been created.
 2. Thank you for the funding the Academic Intervention System (A.I.S.) push-in teachers for during the day and after school classes. Hoping to find funding for morning school as well.
 3. There is a \$90,000 loss in the budget from the 22 students who were supposed to be enrolled this year. Theatre Arts, Chess, Chorus, and the after school band will all be affected from the loss of money. At this point Laura Scott will try to squeeze the budget and dip into the principal's fund.
 4. Konstella is primarily to be used for communications only. It is not a platform for parents to discuss negative opinions.
 5. Join us for The Holiday Show on December 13th-15th with the theme, "Kids on Broadway". The PS10 house band may be needed for the show.
 6. K-280 now has 402 students up from the 278 last year. They have an L.P.P. program where the school teaches other schools.
 7. K280 has concerns with the new middle school 442 that is now sharing the building. Discussion on making a new private entrance for those students as well as how to navigate classes through the halls and share the cafeteria, gym, and auditorium. A CEP meeting on December 14th will be open to voice opinions.
 8. The C30 process is complete and we will soon learn who our new V.P. will be.
 9. Thank you to all the teachers who showed up to the meeting tonight.
- IV. Treasurers' Reports-Jean Norton

1. The November budget is still updating due to the money still coming in from the auction. The Square system used at the auction has to be entered manually and takes time to yield financial results.
2. Extended Day: Leah Ruggerio
 1. Total income for the month of October was \$38,948.40. Total expenses were \$63,870.76. Net Operating Income is \$24,922.36. September/October together show a profit of \$60,000.

V. Committee Reports

1. Auction & Gala Committee. Money is still being processed from the event and it seems like we are close to hitting our fundraising goal. Thank you to all the teachers who helped at the event and to the committee for all their hard work.
2. Extended Day. Huge snafu in registration. Committee looking into a new software vendor. Possible crash test run of new software. In that case, anyone who helped test the system would be given a discount on their classes.
3. Harvest day is November 22nd. Kindness Day will be part of Harvest Day. Music and art projects during lunch periods.
4. Food Drive is tomorrow morning November 18th. Food will be collected for the food pantry at Holy Name of Mary and the Center for Family living in Sunset Park. Thank you to all who will participate.
5. Diversity Committee. The committee will start meeting every week in order to be accessible for all to join. No Place for Hate campaign. Teacher training on bias. The Diversity project will allow students to share stories about their ancestry. Goal of bringing in more diverse books into the library.
6. 5th Grade Committee: Gary Nusser and Ms. Henderson. Planning activities such as going to visit Gettysburg, 5th grade dance, school tours, and yearbooks.
7. Progressive Dinner: Date changed to January 7th.
8. Barnes and Noble Book Fair will be December 11th. Event will consist of parents, students, and staff doing readings, book signings, playing music, wrapping books, doing crafts and making cards. A percentage of all items sold will be given to the school and an online code will be given out for use that week.
9. Communications Committee: PS10Brooklyn on Twitter. WeAre10BK on Facebook.
10. Foley Firs. Tom of Foley Firs spoke about the tree fundraising program. Purchase a tree and sign the list for PS10. Percentage of each tree sold will go back to the school plus another donation will be made if the quota is met.

VI. Presidents' Report—RoseAnn Ciarlante and Donald Norwood

1. Direct Appeal Campaign. The Power of 10. The annual PTA budget is \$276,000. Almost \$70,000 of that money is raised from direct appeal on Giving Tuesday. The 10th of every month will be the designated date for parents to donate and participate.
2. Community Building Committee. Donald explained that the committee will work on events to engage the entire community. These events will be lower in price or

free. The overall policy is that all prices are suggested donations and no one will be turned away including in the cafe. Ideas for community building include parent workshops and an outdoor dance. Open to hear new ideas.

3. International Potluck will be in January and is part of the Diversity Committee. PS 10 dancers will join salsa legend Jorge Maldonado for this special event.
4. Photo Day. Photo proofs were sent out online and a flyer will be sent home as order forms. Photo Re-take day is December 6. Classes who have not taken photos yet will also be on that date.
5. Thank you to everyone for coming to the meeting. Encourage other parents to come to meetings or sign up for a committee.

VII. SLT Report:

1. Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) meetings are on Wednesdays every other week at 7:30 a.m. in the Library and all are invited with prior notice.
2. This week's meeting focused on the registry financial loss and finding funds for A.I.S. teachers. Discussion on departmentalizing 5th grade where teachers would travel to each subject. PS 107 and PS 154 use this system. This would potentially start next year.
3. C30 Process for Assistant Principal has ended.
4. Title One Report. Lara Dicus is working on a survey for where Title One funds should be spent.

VIII. Questions? What's on your minds? A parent asked about how children are picked for student council and what are the responsibilities of the members. Students are either picked or elected and they are responsible for bringing the information Laura Scott gives them back to the class.

Motion to adjourn was made by Megan and seconded by Trish. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

The PS10 PTA welcomes all voices and opinions. All views expressed by the PS10 community, while encouraged, do not represent any implicit endorsement by the administration, the PTA executive board or the general membership.