



P.S. 10 PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 2016 8:30 a.m., Cafeteria

Executive Board Members in Attendance: RoseAnn Ciarlante, Elizabeth Velez, Minna Proctor, Andrew Rosenberg, Leah Ruggiero, Jean Norton, Donald Norwood, Johanna Schiller, Suzanne Tully-Roman, Megan Nyhan, Heather Volik, Lara Dicus.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

- I. Approval of minutes from September PTA meeting. Lara Dicus made the first motion; Heather Volik seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
- II. Introduction by RoseAnn Ciarlante. Photo day may extend to 2 ½ days next year. Megan Nyhan urged everyone to sign up on Konstella and to participate in events such as the upcoming Auction, Supper Club, and Happy Hour.
- III. Principal's Report— A.P. Gabriel Feldberg speaking for Laura Scott
 1. Thank you to all for TENSTOCK.
 2. Breast Cancer activities for the month are now complete and \$1,735.00 was raised at the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.
 3. The new Audio/Visual system has been installed. The grant has made dramatic improvements to the school. Donald has discovered and is working on glitches. The old system will go to K-280 and will be an improvement to their current sound system.
 4. Teachers are still adjusting to Konstella. Privacy concerns have been addressed.
 5. A Robotics pilot program will be tested by one class as part of the new STEM initiative.
 6. The Holiday Show for 4th and 5th graders will take place December 13th, 14th, 15th during the day and evening. Karen Curlee is the new director and the theme is "Kids on Broadway".
 7. Thank you for the funding for MET OPERA for Grades K-3. 3rd grade recorder program will start mid year.
 8. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place November 3rd.
 9. Thank you for helping to fund the push-in teachers for Academic Intervention System (A.I.S).
 10. The C30 to approve new administrators is underway. There was a Level I interview this week and a Level II interview will take place soon.
 11. A parent asked how to research information on programs such as MET OPERA.
- IV. Treasurers' Reports
 1. Jean Norton, PTA: Total income for the month of September: \$14,312.85. Total expenses: \$5,401.23 Total Net Month income: \$8,911.62.

2. Extended Day: Leah Ruggerio

1. Total income for the month of September was \$123,424.16. Total expenses were \$32,564.76. Director salary for the summer was \$11,749. Net Operating Income is \$90,859.40. Payroll expenses lines will be condensed into one line.

V. Committee Reports

1. TENSTOCK was a great event. Parent photographer Kristina Gibb is clearing the photos. The house band that came together for PS10 Rocks will be playing the Auction with music teachers Mr. Ellis and Mr. Jonathan.
2. Afterschool has been officially renamed Extended Day. Thanks for the support with the rocky registration. The winter session registration will use a paper lottery system with each student given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices.
3. Author Committee: 10/16 Author CeCe Bell in conversation with Jonathan Coulton was a wonderful event.
4. Diversity Committee: Information has been sent home.
5. Auction and Gala Committee: November 4th at the Prospect Park Picnic house. The teacher raffle will accommodate 100 kids. One raffle will be for Principal of the Day. Goal is to make \$60,000. Raffle baskets will open up the event to people who cannot attend event.
6. The Catalog sale and Tea clothing sale have started.
7. Harvest Day and Food Drive: Harvest Day is an in-school event with activities. The Food Drive will collect goods to stock two local food pantries.
8. Thanksgiving Pie Sale: Pre-order forms will go home for goods from Bread Alone Bakery.
9. Off The Page: Fourth graders will have a program on the Revolutionary War.
10. 5th Grade Committee: Gary Nusser will lead the activities.
11. Progressive Dinner: Date will be early December with a holiday theme. Drinks, dinner, and dessert where parents will move from house to house for each course.
12. Barnes and Noble Book Fair will be December 11th.
13. Teacher Appreciation Feast: Parents will provide the staff with lunch, dinner and snacks the day of parent/teacher conferences.
14. Lice Check: Ideally every child will be checked. Information will be sent home.
15. Development Committee: Call for people interested in this committee including grant writers.

VI. Presidents' Report—RoseAnn Ciarlante and Donald Norwood

1. Nominations for new PTA Executive Board members: Vote took place for New Parent Members Diane Burgio, Helena Palazzi, and Jessica Klaus. All in favor: 25. Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0. Motion passed. Special Election Vote for second Extended Day Treasurer, Cynthia Cavaliere Nyamekye. All in favor: 26. Opposed: 0. Abstentions: 0. Motion passed. Welcome new board members.

2. Surplus Spending: There was a vote to spend \$2,000 for the new Lobby monitor. All in favor: 23. All opposed: 0. Abstentions: 1. Motion passed.
3. Vote to spend 11,000 surplus on MET OPERA. All in favor: 24. All opposed 0. Abstentions: 4. Motion Passed.
4. The cost for MET OPERA this year was \$11,000 more than the usual \$25,000. We are working on getting the price lowered.
5. Extended Day has five parents teaching new classes; their names will be disclosed in case there is a conflict of interest. They include Executive Board members RoseAnn Ciarlante and Lisa Hamilton.
6. Konstella: Donald explained that parents should sign in online to the website, preferably to using the app. A reminder to adjust your settings and manage your account to cut down on the number of emails you receive. A parent asked if there is a way to help those with a language barrier to use Konstella? Donald replied that Konstella has several different languages available for use. Another parent asked what to do when they recognize parents with language needs? She was directed to contact Madeline Seide and Lisa Hamilton and they can work with Gabriel Feldberg. A parent asked if meeting minutes could be posted on Konstella. RoseAnn answered that minutes are posted on the school website per DOE requirement.
7. There were 2 donations recently made to the school, appreciated equally. Assemblyman Jim Brennan gave the PTA a \$2,000 check. Student Patrick Carrion and his Grandma Nora donated a jar of pennies.

VII. SLT Report:

1. Homework policies and the end of the year process being examined.
2. C-30 process is currently in place to hire the newest Assistant Principal.
3. CEP Budget being updated.
4. Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) meetings are every other week at 7:30 a.m. in the Library and all are invited with prior notice.
5. Title One Report, Lara Dicus: 1% (\$1,000) of Title One money went to school messenger phone service for robocalls. \$5,000 is still available for programs for families. Last year it was used for Math Nights and the online Mindfulness program. CEP guides Title One decisions. The committee communicates through emails and school surveys. There will be a workshop on how to talk to children about race. Title One is looking for more ideas for what to bring into the school. A parent questioned whether there are links to these surveys? Another parent asked what would happen if we lost our Title One status; the reply was that the PTA could never sustain the loss of it.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jody and seconded by Cynthia. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

