



P.S. 10 PTA
General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 PM, Auditorium

Executive Board Members in Attendance: RoseAnn Ciarlante, Elizabeth Velez, Minna Proctor, Andrew Rosenberg, Leah Ruggiero, Jean Norton, Simone Ollen, Donald Norwood, Johanna Schiller, Suzanne Tully-Roman, Erica Nieves-Negron, Natiea Cannon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM.

- I. Approval of minutes from June board meeting: Approved Leah Ruggiero made the first motion; Lili Velez seconded. All in favor.
- II. Introduction-RoseAnn Ciarlante. Powerpoint presentation to help explain what the PTA does.
- III. Principal's Report—Ms. Laura Scott
 1. Thank you to the parents.
 2. There is close to 1,000 students in the building this year.
 3. Changes made to arrival and dismissal are going well. Parent suggested using the small gate upon arrival and larger gate to exit.
 4. New staff members. V.P. Jason Foreman, with a background in Special Education, was introduced. There is a new art teacher named Racheal.
 5. There are 7 classes in Kindergarten with 2 ICT teachers. 2nd grade also has 2 ICT teachers.
 6. K-280 is going from 278 students to 422 students. A second ESL teacher was hired as well as 6 new teachers.
 7. Sound System Improvements. The new system in the auditorium is up and running. New screens for around the school. Technasium will pipe in gym classes through screens and screens will also improve the science fair.
 8. Ms. Scott will be applying for grant for a/c in the auditorium and gym.
 9. MET OPERA. Question over the increased spending for MET OPERA. Ms. Scott explained that the spending is only a fraction of the cost of the program. PS10 has a 250,000 grant in place for the last 8 years and the increase is just a fraction of the benefits overall. Many students do well and end up on Broadway and traveling with theatre arts.
 10. New grant from Felix Ortiz will provide money for an after school band headed by Mr. Ellis. Another grant will be for an ESL program.
 11. Parent arranged for a band, Perhaps Contraption, to surprise students upon arrival on October 14th.
 12. Diversity and awareness was discussed which includes ICT.
 13. Introduction to ICT teachers who discussed the meaning of ICT and the teaching process involved while integrating humanity and compassion in their approach.
 14. A parent asked if all students will be filtered through the ICT classes over the course of their years and was told to speak with the administration.

15. K-280 featured in UFT article on the Reggio teaching approach.
- IV. Treasurer's' Reports PTA Treasurers:
1. Treasurer's Report—Simone Ollen and Jean Norton
 - i. May saw a negative net of \$12,669
 - ii. STEAM, Fashion, Progressive Dinner, misc. income reviewed.
 - iii. Refund check for \$10,375 from Met Opera.
 2. Afterschool Report—Profit and Loss for June. \$62,000 surplus. Reserving \$40,000 for scholarships.
- V. Committee Reports
1. TENSTOCK is our annual Autumn festival which will feature PS10 Rocks this year. An apple table, bake sale, Chili Cook-Off, arts and crafts, and sports. Ps 10 parents will perform for an hour followed by alumni kid band, Control The Sound. Price will be \$10pp or 4 pack for \$35. Food and t-shirts will be extra.
 2. Afterschool registration is set for September 20th at 8 PM.
 3. Author Committee. October 16th. Author CeCe Bell and Jonathan Coulton.
 4. Diversity Committee. No Place For Hate campaign. Flyers will be going out for sign-ups.
 5. Auction and Gala Committee. Erica Nieves Negron spoke about the November 4th Prospect Park Picnic house event. Information was given about the 80's prom theme, outreach, and call for volunteers. DVP. Donate, Volunteer, Participate.
 6. Catalogue Sales for the holidays will begin. There will also be a TEA clothing sale.
 7. Harvest Day. Canned goods and Thanksgiving foods will be collected for two food banks. There will be reward for kids doing service.
 8. 5th Grade Committee. Dance Party and Graduation.
 9. Progressive Dinner. December date with a holiday theme. Drinks, dinner, and dessert with parents moving house to house.
 10. Barnes and Noble Book Sale. December 11th. Percentage of books sold will go to the school.
 11. Teacher Appreciation. Parents are encouraged to bring in a dish for a teacher feast.
 12. Little Hands Big Hearts.
 13. Programs and initiatives such as Chess Club, STEM, recess coaches, Met Opera, Carnegie Hall, Holiday Concert, Off The Page.
 14. Parent Mobilization Committee.
 15. Audience questions should be directed to PS10PTA@gmail.com.
- VI. President's' Report—RoseAnn Ciarlante and Donald Norwood
1. Nominations for new PTA Board members. Two parents new to the school will be eligible and the 2nd Afterschool treasurer, Cynthia Cavaliere Nyameke will be up for vote.
 2. Surplus Spending. There is \$100,000 in savings account. Spending \$20,000 on a new monitor for the lobby which will improve communications will be up for vote..

3. MET OPERA has grown and \$25,000 was set aside but \$36,000 is needed. Vote will be needed to decide whether to spend \$11,000 surplus on MET OPERA.
4. At the end of last year we approved surplus spending on replacing some air conditioners.
5. 5th grade fundraising last year brought in \$33,000 for Washington D.C. trip to meet Sonia Sotomayor and visit The Supreme Court.
6. K-280 parents committee brought in between \$19,000 -\$23,000.
7. PTA Afterschool \$580,000 was brought in last year.
8. Proposed budget presented to general meeting. Proposed budget is and for Afterschool for a total of . 20 motioned to approve budget, 46 seconded.
9. Laura Scott's wish list includes an increase in push-in teachers funding from \$75,000 to \$85,000.
10. Decrease in spending on recess coaches by using Afterschool coaches instead of Kids In The Game.
11. Konstella. Donald Norwood gave a presentation explaining Konstella. Invitation to join and sign into classrooms, schedules, assignments, celebrations, photos, activities. Platform for better communication. Corrections were made to the password using a lowercase l. Parent asked if emergencies would be placed on Konstella and the answer was yes in addition to the telephone rotocall.
12. Participation is the key to our success.
13. Introduction Of Assemblyman Jim Brennan. He is not running for re-election. He has given \$200,000 in funds to PS10 with \$125,00 still to come. PTA will get a \$2,000 check from Brennan. See attached information.

VII. SLT Report:

1. SLT meetings are open for guests.
2. C-30 process to hire the assistant principal.
3. CEP now using STEM initiatives.
4. Title One. Lara Dicus is looking for parent engagement.
5. Budget for Mindfulness training to use with the students.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. Motion by Johanna; seconded by Simone.

Other Attendees:

Jody Drezner Alperin; Amy Schwartzman (Parent Mobilization Committee)