



PS10 PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 20, 2017 8:30 a.m.
Location: Cafeteria

Executive Board Members in Attendance: RoseAnn Ciarlante, Jean Norton, Donald Norwood, Megan Nyhan, Jane Kotapish, Simone Ollen, Minna Proctor, Diane Burgio, Leah Ruggiero, Suzanne Tully-Roman, Cynthia Cavaliere Nyamekye.

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m.

- I. Approval of minutes from the March PTA meeting. Simone made the first motion; Megan seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
- II. Introduction by RoseAnn Ciarlante
- III. Principal's Report—Laura Scott
 1. Thank you to the parents for all their contributions to the school.
 2. A grant is being written to fund new bathrooms on the third floor.
 3. Four new grants have been submitted to Goldman Sachs. "Fit without the Bit" is for a field day in Prospect Park; "Can You Dig It" is for upgrades to the Butterfly Garden; "Fly Fly Away" is to fund Butterfly Day activities. The fourth grant is for the end of year carnival.
 4. Students who chose to opt out of school testing were accommodated. PS10 students finished the tests early, suggesting that Saturday test prep was helpful.
 5. Middle School acceptance letters are being released today.
 6. There have been many impressed observers at K-280 including a minister of Africa and the head of Unicef.
 7. There will be no First Friday Parents As Learning Partners in May.
 8. Grandparents Day is May 12th.
 9. In lieu of parent/teacher conferences on May 17th, there will be a Family Engagement Day with a Mindfulness workshop and a seminar on Growth Mindset. Parents can request one-on-one conferences with teachers.
 10. A book drive the week of May 8th will be donated to the new Little Book Shelf Library being built in the Butterfly Garden; adult and children's books are requested.
- IV. Treasurers' Report—Simone Ollen (PTA) and Leah Ruggiero (Extended Day)
 1. Total Income was \$39,769.00; total expenses were \$40,527.00. Total net income for the month of March was -\$758.00
 2. Extended Day total income for the month of March was \$124,563.00 with expenses of \$47,090.00. Net operating income \$77,472.00.
 3. The phone bill has been adjusted as we were overpaying for services.

4. A parent requested a budget line to compare this year to the prior year's income month to month or an overall bottom line to ascertain any trending data.

V. Committee Reports

1. Extended Day. A new program will be introduced next year called Kindergarten Academy which will be more age appropriate for the youngest attendees.
2. Diversity Committee meets every Wednesday morning after drop-off. Check Konstella for updates.
3. The Read-A-Thon was a great success. Winners will be announced tomorrow. Kudos to all the readers. Thank you to all who worked on it.
4. Family Fitness Night is a community building event on April 28th with activities such as yoga and circuit training. Food donations are needed.
5. Grandparents Day and Flower Sale is May 12th. This year, important adults in children's lives will also be invited to attend. Helena Palazzi will run a photo booth and there will be envelopes for donations. A \$1 donation will be asked of students for the flower sale but all students will receive a flower regardless of donation.
6. S.T.E.A.M. Fair—A Space Odyssey is on May 20th. We will have exhibits from Nasa Solar System Ambassadors, the New York Hall of Science and more. Industry City has provided a \$2500 sponsorship. There will be PTA-run stations. Volunteers are needed.
7. Development Committee. Focus is on the "Power of 10" campaign.
8. Chess Club Tournament is scheduled for June 3rd. There will be an entrance fee.
9. STEM Initiatives. Alison Milgrom has brought in Arch For Kids. Possibility of having The Physics Bus come in June.

VI. Presidents' Report—RoseAnn Ciarlante and Donald Norwood

1. The Executive Board is seeking a new Co-Treasurer and Interpreter for next year.
2. The PTA Bylaws are being revised to align to the new Chancellor's Regulations and will be presented to the Executive Board by PTA Co-Secretary Jane Kotapish.
3. The Nominating Committee needs more people to help with the PTA elections.
4. A survey focusing on event planning ideas for next year is being made.
5. On April 27th there will be a Budget Meeting to prepare for the upcoming year. The budget will be presented to the Executive Board in May.
6. The Audit Review Committee will meet on May 2nd to review documents.
7. Ten for Ten is the annual direct appeal for Spring. Ten great reasons to support the PTA will be the focus for the marketing campaign. The overall goal is for \$276,00 which averages out to \$300 per student. Donate online through NY Charities.
8. The PTA Fun Run fundraiser will take place May 13th, sponsored by Brad Lander.
9. The next General Meeting and PTA Election will be May 18th at 6:00 p.m.

VII. SLT Report

1. SLT Bylaws and the Comprehensive Education Plan (C.E.P) are in review.
2. Title One will fund a diversity workshop in early May, as well as a Family Math event, and workshops on Mindfulness and Growth Mindset. A new Title One representative will be elected for next year.

VIII. Questions? What's on your minds?

1. A parent brought up the expensive pricing of the Yankees game tickets and suggested that in the future event planners are sensitive to the socioeconomic factors affecting our community.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cynthia and seconded by Minna. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.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.