



PS10 PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 18, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Location: Auditorium

Executive Board Members in Attendance: RoseAnn Ciarlante, Jean Norton, Donald Norwood, Megan Nyhan, Jane Kotapish, Simone Ollen, Diane Burgio, Leah Ruggiero, Suzanne Tully-Roman, Cynthia Cavaliere Nyamekye, Johanna Schiller, Rohi Pandya, Natiea Cannon, Erica Nieves-Negron, Andrew Rosenberg, Jessica Klaus, Lara Dicus.

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

- I. Approval of minutes from the April General PTA meeting. Laura made the first motion; Cynthia 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 providing air conditioners for the the entire school.
 2. Gratitude for funding the A.I.S. teachers needed for student support.
 3. Parent Engagement Night was successful. Parents were able to meet incoming class teachers. A parent asked if students could be given the opportunity to meet with incoming teachers and go over expectations for next year.
 4. The 2nd and 3rd grade Science Fair was well attended. Discussion on pushing forward to obtain air conditioning for the gym.
 5. The Diversity workshop by the Perception Institute on implicit bias was very well done and meaningful.
 6. Grandparents Day was a huge success drawing large numbers. Ms. Scott suggested via feedback to extend the time grandparents spend in classrooms.
 7. Articulation. New class assignments will not be distributed until August to avoid issues on the last day of school. However, Ms. Scott will be available to discuss any changes in August if necessary.
 8. The School Carnival is scheduled for June 9th. Call for volunteers and donations are needed.
 9. RoseAnn discussed with Ms. Scott the need to replace several of the broken a/c units. A survey of the problems in each room will be done to assess needs.
- IV. Treasurers' Report—Simone Ollen (PTA) and Leah Ruggiero (Extended Day)
 1. Total Income was \$12,304.00; total expenses were \$4,633.00. Total net income for the month of April was \$7,777.00. At this juncture we are \$4,000 shy of our \$65,000 goal.
 2. Extended Day total income for the month of April was \$5,323.00 with expenses of \$52,732.00. Net operating income \$47,409.00.

3. The Proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 was presented for review and is subject to change. The Proposed Budget for Extended Day 2017-2018 was also presented. The Extended Day program is maxed out in terms of space. A new software system will be used next year. The proposed budgets are presented at this May meeting and will be voted on at the next General PTA meeting in June.

V. Committee Reports

1. Extended Day. A new program named Kindergarten Academy will begin in the Fall. There will be a new registration team. Three alumni of PS10 will shadow the line staff. Some staff members will attend an early childhood professional development offered by Pace University.
2. The Diversity Committee has put together an impressive book list.
3. Family Fitness Night. Thank you to Jessica Klaus for putting together this great free community building event.
4. Grandparents Day and Flower Sale. Thank you to Laura Garnet and Cynthia Cavaliere-Nyameke for organizing this wonderful event. Thank you to Heather Volik for doing the Flower Sale which raised \$800.
5. S.T.E.A.M. Fair—A Space Odyssey is on May 20th. Please buy tickets and attend. There will be robots, rockets, virtual reality, 3-D printing, and much more. Volunteers are needed. The entrance fee is a suggested donation.
6. Development Committee. Focus is on the “Power of 10” campaign.
7. Chess Club Tournament is scheduled for June 3rd. There will be an entrance fee.
8. STEM Initiatives. Alison Milgrom has brought in Arch For Kids. Possibility of having The Physics Bus come in June.

VI. PTA Executive Board 2017-18 Election-RoseAnn Ciarlante

1. Kathryn Kercher and the Nominating Committee presented the E-Board Election Slate for 2017-18 and invited those present at the meeting to nominate themselves from the floor.
2. Co-secretary Jane Kotapish made a motion to accept the slate for next year’s PTA Executive Board. Treasurer Simone Ollen seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The slate was accepted.
3. PTA Executive Board 2015-2016 Election Results:
 - President: Donald Norwood
 - Co-Vice Presidents: Jessica Klaus, Erica Nieves-Negron, Leah Ruggerio-Ortiz, Johanna Schiller
 - Treasurers: Veronica Calhoun, Kristina Kasper
 - Extended Day Co-Treasurers: Cynthia Cavaliere-Nyameke, Nicole Keating
 - Co-Parent Liaisons: Laura Garnett, Rebecca Haimowitz, Helena Palazzi, Andrew Rosenberg, Patricia Thompson, Heather Volik
 - SLT Parent Member: Megan Nyhan
 - Title 1 Representative: Jane Kotapish

- VII. Presidents' Report—RoseAnn Ciarlante and Donald Norwood
1. Congratulations to Lili Velez who was voted in as the Community Education Council representative. Talk to Lili about any issues or concerns.
 2. The PTA Bylaws are being revised and will be presented to the Executive Board by PTA Co-Secretary Jane Kotapish.
 3. The Audit Review has been completed and have been deemed a healthy organization.
 4. Taxes have been filed and will be going up on the website.
 5. The 10 for 10 campaign raised an estimated \$27,000. The Development Committee worked well together and the campaign was well received.
 6. The new screen in the lobby is up and running.
 7. The Little Free Library will be open in time for Butterfly Day on June 14th.
 8. 5th Grade Activities. Preparations are being made for the trip. Fundraising continues with jewelry sales. Donations of bake sale items are needed for STEAM Fair.
 9. Chess Club. The Chess Tournament is slated for June 3rd for kids and adults.
 10. STEM Initiatives. The PTA has funded the butterflies for Butterfly Day. There will be Arch For Kids workshops for upper grades in June.
- VIII. SLT Report-RoseAnn Ciarlante and Lara Dicus
1. New SLT Bylaws were adopted and are available to read online. The Comprehensive Education Plan (C.E.P) are in review.
 2. Title One will fund a Family Math event and workshops on Mindfulness and Growth Mindset. Information will be passed on to our newly elected Title One representative Jane Kotapish.
- IX. Presentation of the PTA By-Laws. Jane Kotapish presented updated Bylaws to align with the 2017 Regulation of the Chancellor A-660. Proposed revisions include online passwords being shared equally with Co-Presidents and Laura Scott. The comment period for parents ends on June 2nd. The revised ByLaws will be put to vote at the June General Meeting. New regulations for electronic banking were discussed.
- X. A representative of the Prospect Park YMCA was on hand to give information about the summer camp programs which run out of PS 10 building and also at the Armory. Classes include art, dance, and sports.
- XI. Questions? What's on your minds?

Motion to adjourn was made by Cynthia and seconded by Lili.. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.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.

