



## PTA General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes are deemed “Meeting Notes” until approved at which time they will be considered official Meeting Minutes

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Meeting Start 6:02pm

Hosted by Kameka Wittal, Dipshikha Yaroshevsky

Participants: Areina Patel, Francine Tapp, Misty Santo

Virtual Meeting

Notice about Zoom use:

- Closed Captioning is available in different languages on the Zoom platform
- Go to the Closed Captioning (CC) option and there is a list of languages that can display a live transcript of the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

- Approved: Dipshikha, Harpreet Kaur

Treasurer’s Report presented by Harpreet Kaur

- Total Income \$23,142.49
  - Holiday party ticket and food - \$4592.32
  - 5th Grade Bake Sale - \$222.00
  - Raffle - \$83.00
  - Interest - \$0.14
- Total Expenses & Disbursements \$9,974.02
  - Holiday Party Supplies - \$1,380.32
  - Holiday Pizza - \$216.00
  - Holiday DJ - \$200.00
  - Gifts Admin & Staff - \$151.78
- Balance \$14,174.63

Principal’s Message

- In lieu of Mr. Paolano’s message, we are having

Soapbox Message by Ariena Patel

- Speech about double parking/driving conditions around the school

PTA Survey sent out

- Looking for more participants



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#### Membership Dues - Class/Groups with the highest paid

- Congratulations to 3K & Pre-K!
- A permission slip will be sent out to so that students can be given a popsicle during recess

#### Safety Update

- Still having issues with double parking and No Standing areas
- Parents have been spoken to, letters have been left on cars
- Project Safe-Drop in the works
- Doors continue to close at 8:04am
  - Doors will close at 8:06am if weather conditions are bad
- Asking councilwoman for additional crossing guard
- Internet safety - trying to set up an activity with NYPD and FDNY
- Drills will be continued in February
  - Soft lockdown
  - bus drills
- Camera - other schools may have installed cameras by themselves
  - Will continue to work with other

Q: Neighbors in the area are also getting frustrated, double parking is getting out of hand.

- School does open at 7:20 for breakfast, allowing children to come in to get breakfast or just sit in the cafeteria to wait for school to start.
- Parent are need to volunteer for Project Safe Drop to help
- 105 Precinct have been made aware of the situation
- Call 311
- School administrators have been trying to reach out to the Precinct

#### PTA Progress Report

- NYCSA account (NYC Scholarship Account) & NY Kids Rise
  - For report cards
  - more options in the account that give more activities to help with things like Math skills
  - New York Savings account - Kids Rise - last year was the first time that Kindergarten students in NYC DOE received \$100 from the city if parents did not opt out of it
  - Not a scholarship, no requirements, only for Kindergarteners
  - Could be applied towards meal plans or books
  - Cannot be connect to a 529
    - Parents cannot add funding or transfer



- Community & City-wide Education Councils (CCEC) Parent Elections
  - Every district have it, give parents a chance to have their voice heard
  - Framework for education policies
  - Parents can run or nominate someone else
  - Each parent has one vote
- Co-located schools
  - When there are 2 schools (Public and a Charter) in the same building
  - A few Charter schools are looking into Queens (Not D26) schools
- Kindergarten applications - deadline is this Friday, January 20th
  - For children born in 2018

#### What's Next

- January 20th - Lunar New Year Handouts
- January 26-30 - Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser
- February 10 - Bestie Bash
- February 11 - 100th Day of School
- February 28 - General PTA Meeting - Nominations for PTA E-Board for 2023-2024 (Elections are in April)

#### Francine Tapp - Follow up on Workshop from the afternoon

##### 5 R's Of Consequences

- Respect - consequence must be respectful, speak respectfully to the children
- Related to misbehavior - like if they don't brush their teeth, then they cannot have a sugary treat, so the child sees the connection
- Reasonable duration - make sure the consequence is not too long or short. If there is an issue with homework one night, then no electronics for that one night
- Reveal in advance - so they know what the expectation is
- Repeat it back - so that children can show they understand what behavior is expected and what the consequence is.

#### Level 1 C30 Principal

- Ms. Williams is no longer returning to PS133
- This governs the assignment of new Principals
- Process is used appointing Principals and Assistant Principals
- 2UFT, a DC37 Rep, Member from the district office, Administrator from neighboring school, 4-7 parents which are first selected from the SLT, then Executive PTA Board.
- We've been asked by district superintendent to ask the school community on what traits we are looking for in a principal
- Answers will be shared with the superintendent only
- Please fill out the google form survey



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Q: What about Mr. Paolano?

A: Mr. Paolano was the Acting Principal. When Ms. Williams said she was not returning, Mr. Paolano became the Interim Acting Principal, which means there is an official opening for school principal. Mr. Paolano has the right to submit his application/resume for the opening. We will find out at the evening of the meeting to meet all of the candidates for the opening.

Meeting End 7:19pm

Prepared By Tiffany Tseng, Recording Secretary