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## PTA General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes are deemed "Meeting Notes" Until approved at which time they will be considered official Meeting Minutes

### October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Meeting Start 6:02pm  
Hosted by Kameka Wittal  
Participants: Mr. Paolano, Ms. Santo  
Virtual Meeting

#### Results of Last Month's SLT Voting

- Harpreet Kaur
- Chenping Xu
- Monica Dillion
- Szetela
- Arcari
- Semar
- There is one parent vacancy that we will try to vote on tonight

#### Meeting Minutes

- Changes: include financial statements
- Approved: Harpreet Kaur, Jessica Arnau

#### Treasurer's report presented by Harpreet Kaur

- Cash on hand is \$9,879.76
- Dues so far is \$5,679.53
- Merchandise sales total \$223
- Spiritwear \$2,600 (Gross amount, pending invoice)
- Dues is double last year
- Halloween ticket sales so far \$2,061.30
- Income is \$10,350.94
- Expenses total in \$3009.30 (Welcome packet, teacher's breakfast, ticket printing, diwali handout)
- Cash balance \$8,347.80 (outstanding reimbursements have not been included in this month's report)

#### Principal's Message

Parking - doing well, but not perfect - strive to be perfect

- No double or triple parking, no parking in Standing zone, no U-turn

Bathroom renovation

- Second floor



- Will take about 2-3 months
- Boys and girls
- Unknown start date

#### Playground renovation

- No timeline as of yet
- 3 things asked for, safe as possible age appropriate, covered/benches to be used in all weather

#### Reading Garden/Sprinkler

- Meeting on Friday, new timeline to began in spring (~March 1st)
- Completed before winter 2023
- Sprinkler - last news should be working in spring/summer

#### Academic screeners

- District wide
- Will be sharing info on these screening processes
- Will give idea on where children are at so we can best support them
- Leadership team meeting: multi-tiered support so that students are on grade level and challenging above grade level students, ensuring below grade level students have the support they need.

#### 5th Grader

- Middle school admission process letter/email was sent
- Virtual and in-person workshops
- Open House hours
- MS172 - give 5th graders some idea on what middle school looks like
- 5th Grade Social - got to hang out and play with PTA support
- Trip to Hall of Science
- Looking for experience outside of classroom

#### Extracurricular

- Diwali - Next Tuesday hosted by staff in Auditorium
- Donate food by families

#### November 1st - club fair for K-5 students

- Students re-enter with child in Main Entrance with parent/guardian
- More info from Ms. Murphy incoming
- Kids will have experiences outside of the school day, after school activity

#### SEL lessons

- Weekly and daily lessons, part of daily instruction
- Ex: Feel Good Friday
- Showing up in behavior

#### Student Council Elections

- Executive Board meeting tomorrow
- Honored next Monday at a Breakfast
- Councilwoman Linda Lee and Senator John Liu will be in attendance

#### CARES Program - part of Respect for All Initiative

- Student ownership/accountability for actions
- Rewarding/celebrating positive behavior aligning with different attributes each month
- Letters will be going home focused on compassion
- Adding a letter each month (CARES), finish in February Respect for All Week
- Student leaders meeting next month with teachers next Wednesday to advocate for class/school



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Nov 3rd - Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

- Half day for students
- Afternoon and night sessions

November

- Important time as a school
- Academic screeners will be completed
- Then can figure out what needs to be done to support students

Lines of Communication

- Always open. Share everything to work together.

Q&A-

Election Day - Day is off, no instruction.

Salad bar - closure, will check into it

Diwali vs Halloween – Diwali is being hosted by the staff, parents are bringing food so it is free. Halloween is a fundraising event held by the PTA.

Siblings allowed to attend Diwali even if not vaccinated - students/under 18, no vaccination rules

Will Mrs. Colon be returning? - Her leave is until Jan 1st, 2023

Petition to make streets one way - will loop student council and civics team and safety team to help with this.

Crossing Guards - assigned based on enrollment of school.

By Laws -

Everyone may vote (as members of the PTA).

Staff cannot vote on SLT member

Proposal 1

- Instead of having a set dollar amount, have a suggestion for Dues amount by e-Board, pending approval from membership

Proposal 2

- Mandatory officers for association

Proposal 3

- Expanding E-Board to include 5th Grade Chairperson and Member at large

Voting Poll - approved by 92%

Proposal 4

- Details the roles and responsibilities of the officers

Proposal 5

- Election for officers, only position to not be elected in April is the Member At Large, to be filled in October for new parent to the community to have a chance to join

Proposal 6

- Officer Ranking for succession purposes

Voting Poll - approved by 92%



Proposal 7

- All E-Board officers are expected to attend all meetings

Proposal 8

- E-Board meetings will be virtual, 6PM on 3rd Monday of every month

Proposal 9

- General Meeting will be virtual, 6pm on 3rd Tuesday of every month

Voting Poll - approved by 96%

Proposal 10

- E-Board's responsibility to establish 5th Grade Committee lead by Co-Presidents and 5th Grade Chairperson

Proposal 11

- Which officers are permitted to sign checks (Presidents, Co-Presidents, Treasurer, Recording Secretary)

Proposal 12

- Increases emergency expenditure amount from \$50 to \$300 with  $\frac{2}{3}$  approval of Executive Board

Voting Poll - approval by 96%

SLT - School Leadership Team

- Santo (Co-Chair) and Paolano
- Every school has a SLT implemented for school-based planning and decision making
- Members include:
  - Principal
  - UFT Chapter Chair
  - PTA President
  - Parents elected by own constituents
  - Staff elected by own constituents
- Last night, there was a new vacancy. Have seven staff members, currently have 6 parent members, need a 7th
- Election is open to all members. SLT meets once a month (2nd Monday at 5:30). Could be more frequent. SLT meetings are open to everyone in the school and neighborhood community to listen in.

SLT candidates:

- Greg Schmidt, Moitree Rahman, Jason Dennis

Link put into chat for voting

Fifth Grade Chairperson

- Jessica Arnan
- Accepted: Adero Forsythe, Katherine A

Member at Large

- Monthly teacher and staff snacks
- Peter Canova
- Accepted

Still needed: Volunteer Coordinator



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#### PTA Progress Report

By Laws will be signed and filed in Principal's Office, Posted on website

Next Thursday will be a Breast Cancer walk, dress in pink

5th Grade Social Sponsored by the PTA

Student Council Induction Ceremony, breakfast sponsored by the PTA

Mrs. Murphy is looking to expand her classroom library, Donorschoose site is up for donations.

#### Halloween Party

- October 28th, fee is per person, not just child or adult. Children are required to be accompanied by an adult. Each adult is required to follow DOE guidelines regarding vaccination.
- Parents who only purchased tickets for children, please reach out to the PTA
- Ticket includes cotton candy. Food and drinks will be for sale.

#### Volunteers needed

- PTA needs help
- Can you bake or know a baker?
- To proceed with all events

#### Q & A

Waitlist for tickets? - No waitlist at this time

Where are we with the safety doors? Escalated to the superintendent and Chancellor, waiting on word with them.

Parents of Student Council members can attend the breakfast

Meeting End 7:47pm