

Absent: Liz Campbell

Call to Order: 4:07 pm

Agenda Building:

- Form committee to explore STEM enrichment in PS 452

PTA News:

- Incredible auction, thanks to staff
- Katy Wears at PTA meeting – helpful presentation to families re: how TC works within our school setting
- Finalizing budget for 2016-2017
- Taking nominations for Exec Bd. and SLT seats

Principal's Report: *Scott Parker*

- **Testing**
 - over for 3rd and 5th grades
 - 4th grade still has a June written 6 test and a science lab test
 - tests were shorter and seemed fair
 - preliminary results by end of school
- **Parent Engagement has been very busy**
 - first grade did their CEP based parent engagement
 - 4th grade parent engagement after spring break per CEP goal
 - May 12th – 4th in series of parent teacher conferences:
 - 2 parts – teacher presentations and then a sneak peek at the next grade
- **Ms. Kessler** is a district finalist for the Big Apple awards
- **5th grade middle school letters** arrived – they came out as we expected, we will work out with families that choice 1 or choice 2 should be expected.
- **One more progress report** given shortly after the break to let families know if their student is on track
- **Community Building Update:** *AJ Cermak*
 - PS 452 Variety Show May 3. Volunteerism is strong. One hour show, lots of audience participation. Want more art for the show.
 - Books about bravery and perseverance, unique and individual talents are being shared throughout the classrooms.

- **Foreign Language Instruction:** *Laura Goldenberg*

The budget proposal of \$30,000 was voted down by the PTA Budget Committee due to lack of a clear presentation and no firm endorsement of plan by the SLT. We are thinking of how to proceed at this point. A vote for consensus recommended that we table the cultural enrichment at this time and think about how to get a part time language teacher in 2017-2018

- **Teacher Report:** *Nathan O'Reilly*
 - PE teaches a skill then it is incorporated into the games students play.
 - Sportsmanship, Teamwork, and Strategies are discussed during classes

- o Skill based instruction grows in complexity and games look more like the REAL game as kids get older.
 - o **Mighty Milers** – K-5, classes run for a minimum of 15 minutes, kids record goals and work towards meeting their daily goal. Incentive based
 - o **Young Runners for Upper Grades** – aka Track Club, 2 morning practices and 2 evening practices, 69 kids in Fall, 55 runners now, kids go to events on weekends, anyone can run, all skill levels participate,
 - o Developmental Cross Country FALL and Developmental Track and Field SPRING
 - o Main goal is for kids to enjoy PE
- **Email:** *AJ Cermak*
 - o 2 emails
 - o Recommendations about enrichment programs for PS 452 from a parent, we will connect her with a new committee for enrichments
 - o We should apprise parents of the state requirements for the arts which include performance and dance
- **SLT FAQ Page:**
 - o in progress
- **5th grade Graduation Plans:**
 - o Wed June 22nd at 9 am in the O’Shea auditorium
 - o Easy for families, arrangements will be made for some staff to attend
- **District 3 Discussion:**
 - o Potential proposal for PS 191 to move to a new building.
 - o 452 is approaching our school limit, Scott asked about PS 191, DOE likes the idea, District Superintendent came to the school and heard what some people were thinking about the proposal for Fall 2018
 - o Pro/Con discussed
 - o Parents should talk to each other and gather concerns and positive statements
- **New Business:**

A proposal to form enrichment committee to address the concerns of families for need to explore a STEM enrichment program was made. Request by Mr. Parker to enrich the staff or incorporate the work into what is happening already inside of our school and classrooms. Melissa Birnbaum, Meg Ocampo showed interest in joining.
- **Safety Update:**
 - o More evacuation drills are planned for May.
 - o Election Day and schoolyard picnic lunch was a hit
- **Next meeting Date: Thursday, May 19th at 4 pm**