

January 30, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Stacey Winter and Sarah Courtemanche at 6:46pm.

I. Call to Order/President's Report (Sarah Courtemanche & Stacey Winter)

- Fun ice breaker activity before call to order!

II. Approval of Minutes (Stacey Winter)

- Liz Campbell makes a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2017 General PTA meeting. Dan Cohen seconds. All in favor. Minutes are approved at 6:48pm.

III. Principal's Report (AJ Cermak and Sharon Lustig for Scott Parker)

- School Policy (Sharon Lustig): Family Handbook. Asks how many have read? It is available online on the school website, under the tab "Current Families. Recommends we all take a look. Talks about policies and regulations. Has city guidelines on behavioral issues. Attendance policy, cell phone policy. Also discusses sick policy, when children should not come to school. If child has fever, should stay home for 24 hours after fever ends. Is continuously updated.
- This Friday at 8:10am, a parent is hosting a self-care workshop about how to not only take care of your children, but yourself.
- March 1st is a District session on state testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. There will be sample tests available.
- Ross Greene event was rescheduled.
- January - PD with Jessica and Ellie. G&R inclusive.
- Library is officially open and beautiful. Working with Ms. K on time to invite families or have reading events with your child. Kids have gone to visit. There is a lizard named Tina. Ms. K hosted coffee for staff to see library and show how it works. There will be more things coming up.
- David Kerievky met with Reso A tech grant contact. School was given grant for \$100,000. We need lots of tech in library -- mobile smart board, laptops, etc. Will talk to Scott and STEM team and try to push that through. Waiting to hear back on Reso A grant for cafeteria.
- Winter Carnival was amazing. Scott and AJ were there, Ms. Collman brought her baby.
- Lincoln Center Film enrichment for 3rd & 5th grades has began.
- Ms. Cermak was nominated by Mr. Parker for Manhattan Field Support award, and selected to attend event with Chancellor Farina.

- PS 452's pre-K was recognized by Inside Schools

IV. **Election for Treasurer (Karen Kemp and Cybele Weisser)**

- Caitlin Sullivan resigned and is now running together with Dan Cohen
- Cybele and Karen review Treasurer job responsibilities, and nomination/election process
- Nominations from the Floor: No nominations from the floor. Caitlin and Dan accept their joint nomination, and say a little about themselves.
- Election: All PTA members present voted in favor. 29 people in total.

V. **Treasurer's Report (Stacey Winter & Sarah Courtemanche)**

- Monthly Update:
- Income: Winter Carnival did above budgeted expectations.
- Expenses: paid NDI 1/2 of total payment. Teachers College Reading and Writing PD. Classroom and curriculum, books and supplies.
- Expenditures Approval.
 - a) Purple Power Run (base cost): Raised \$22,000 in income in our first year. Need to get approval to cover \$2,000 base cost for next year's event. Stacey Winter makes a motion, Shehriyar Antia seconds. All PTA members present voted in favor. 29 people in total.
 - b) Staff Professional Development - *Yale University "K-8 Anchors of Emotional Intelligence"*: \$8,000 expenditure requested by Scott. Stacey Winter makes a motion, Liz Campbell seconds. All PTA members present voted in favor. 29 people in total.
 - c) *Film Society of Lincoln Center*: We received a lot of public funding for various enrichment. Once the money was allocated, it did not cover the Film Society of Lincoln Center. This is a pilot program that just begun for 3rd & 5th graders. Cost is \$7,000. Stacey Winter makes a motion, Shehriyar Antia seconds. All PTA members present voted in favor. 29 people in total.

VI. **Fundraising Report (Laura Goldenberg)**

- Winter Carnival Debrief: Thanks to everyone involved and all sponsors
- NYCIFF: 2/23 - 3/18. \$3 from every ticket will go back to PS 452.
- Read-a-thon: fundraiser to promote literacy during Feb break
- Use Amazon smile, Oliver's labels, Fairway card, boxtops

- Auction - April 28th (Haley Mustac & Mariela Franganillo): Wish list for donations on the website. Email Mariela and Haley if you want to know if a business has already donated an auction item.
- Asking for parents to volunteers to work at other school auctions, so parents from those school will offer to volunteer at ours.
- Jason Jones and Samantha Bee are confirmed to MC our auction.
- This year we have corporate sponsorships. We have 3 sponsors so far for a total of \$4,500. Dr. Saju Mathew (a K parent who is a local pediatric dentist), the JCC and Chelsea Piers. We still have one Platinum sponsorship available and several gold and silver sponsorships. The sponsorship form is on the website.
- Tickets - the link is ready to go on the website. Sales will be live shortly. Doing tiered pricing: \$65 until April 10th, \$75 from April 11th-April 27th, \$95 at the door.
- Next Auction meeting is Feb 6th
- Sarah Roucloux: Auction Art projects. Still need parent volunteers to lead projects for several classes: Ms. Chung, Ms. Wu, Ms. Arboleda and Mr. Vuolo.
- Pledge Drive (Whitney Pollack & Panitee Chongvisal): Doing really well. Had 14 volunteers which brought in a lot of money, we are \$20k and 41% ahead of this point last year. 98 of 230 families have given. Next campaign will be for Valentine's Day, where you can give an award on behalf of a teacher or member of the administration, who will receive a handmade Valentine on Valentine's Day.

VII. **Committee Reports**

- Community Affairs (Liz Campbell): Overview of what's happening in the district. Middle school admissions process. 2018-2019 school yr, schools will not see how your child ranks the school. The middle school committee is doing this to create diversity in middle schools in district 3. Looking to accept more kids based on 3 things:
 1. Geographical diversity -- according to where they live
 2. Diversity from accepting more kids who qualify for free or reduced lunch
 3. Academic diversity -- some schools only take kids who have 3s and 4s on the state tests. Schools would be required to accept a certain number of kids who have 1s and 2s.
 - Next CEC mtg is on Feb 13th at PS 87 at 6:30pm.
- Community Building Committee (Sharmilee Ramudit & Allegra Parks): Part of the SLT. This month, had a kick off meeting to talk about community building event ideas. Comprehensive Education Plan -- variety show. Include members of staff and parents.
- Grants (Sarah Courtemanche): Scott and Sarah attended legislative breakfast last week. Working on submissions for Reso A grants, Ami Kantawala is handling application. Applying for 2 -- upgrade for auditorium, and bathroom upgrade. For participatory budget, applying for renovation for play yard -- we are on final ballot.

- Green Team (Stacey Winter for Lauren Monchik): Started kids Green Team with Ms. Arboleda and Ms. DiLena after school. Next meeting is Feb 28th. If interested, email: PS452greenteam@gmail.com

VIII. **New Business (Sarah Courtemanche & Stacey Winter)**

- Free Wine! - aka By-Laws help needed. Need assistance with updating by-laws template.
- Need a parent to volunteer to be auditor

IX. Stacey Winter makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Liz Campbell seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Next Meeting – February 27, 2018 at 8:45am in Media Center, Mr. Javidi will be speaking about Social Emotional learning.