

PS 452 General PTA Meeting Minutes

November 29th, 2016

Meeting commences at 6:37pm

- I. **Welcome & Announcements (Elizabeth Campbell)**- Thank you for coming....Liz wanted to say a few words....reflect over the last 18 months....apologize for frustrations but tough role to play as the President...she won't apologize for how she has felt but how it affected others. Its tough to represent the parent body but tries hard to do it. Hope we can move forward....

- II. **Approval of minutes (Liz)** -Questions comments? Makes motion to approve...Jill Gabin seconds...all in favor.

- III. **Principal's Report (Scott Parker)**-Few reminders...5th graders applications due 12/1 if you have concerns please see Sharon and or Scott. Kindergarten Connect is open. Its not only based on your own home school. You can rank them and go on tours. Share with friends that are age 5. GNT testing notifications will come home and testing in first 2 weeks of January in school. Open school week was a success. Progress report this time...if on track and you can talk about it. Report card comes out in January. Next round is 4-5 weeks later. If urgent feel free to reach out in January but they can't meet with everyone. Why no conference at end of year? Its a UFT deal vs the school. Completed all evacuation drills. More come in the Spring. 8 need to be done per yr. 4 lock down drills. (1) done and (1) in December other (2) not scheduled as of yet. School quality guide has been released and is on line. Accountability skills. We are exceeding target via the 6 indicators. Scott is thankful to serve in this position. If his ardent way of expressing himself made others feel dislike/dissatisfaction he is sorry for that. He believes in what he is doing. We all matter in this process. He appreciates all that voiced their opinions. Scott shared that Joe F. comments are not their feelings. They would like as many of the current families to join along. He understands that not everyone can go and for those that cannot they will help get answers that parents need. The rezoning plan was voted on and it passed to present it to the PEP. In the next few days an educational impact statement will come out and we will be notified that when it's out. Then there has to be a joint public hearing of all affected communities. A joint public hearing in this space and the PEP vote will be on 1/18. We will have a community meeting which is another meeting we are/can have and have weigh in on the format of the

evening. SLT is planning on an adult meeting only for adults to come and speak. This will be in January some time. They will update FAQ's and hopefully all questions will be answered. There will be more. Many answers can't come from 452's office but from the DOE and Ilene Altshul has been asked for a contact to be point person for us. Our SLT has formed a transition committee and more info will come out at the SLT email account.

- IV. Darci Hirschberg asked about busing....Scott will take that to Ilene's attention. OPT will be involved and get answers. Plan for unfilled seats question by Jess Donner. No info has been given to us. Seats may not be filled or they may fill them but not sure. Office of enrollment would be involved. Stacey asked if a survey will be taken on who will be going etc. The transition team will answer that. Another question about the current programs will be continued. If some programs need to scale down like TC then they can scale it down. Staff -will it be the same...all staff has open market transfer...currently all staff appears to be going. When is the library to be constructed, asked Andrea P.....once picked up it goes into a Que....and the DOSF puts it out for bids and the contracting starts. They built a pop up library. The existing books at PS 191 will be moving with the school. The media center that is existing is staying. Will there be a 452 tour for parents? Once the PEP votes it will be arranged. Is there a contact at Office of Enrollment for those that don't wish to follow. We don't know that info yet. Parents wanted to know if they can have tours....Scott stated that the building is a great facility. Take school at the size its now plus 2 or 3 pre-k and move it over. If K connect is great then they would open a 4th K. Jill Gabin shared clarification that those happy at 191 don't want to go to 452 new school if moved.

V. Treasurer's Report (Andrea P.)

Changes from last PTA mtg. Income increased by 21K Driven by pledge drive up by 15K. Halloween party increase to budget and Charleston Wrap at about 2K at budget.

VI. Fundraising Report (Robin Krugman)

- A. Charleston Wrap is here....Pick up every day this week from 8:50-9:10 and 2:30-2:50pm in the PTA office. You can still order until ____
- B. Community Cards are for sale (you get a discount at stores in the neighborhood)
- C. Fairway card, please email us. Please use the Fairway card - we get money every time you shop. If you need a new card please let us know and email me at robanddan@hotmail.com
- D. Winter Carnival date is being worked on.... Sometime in Jan or Feb.
- E. Amazon Smile - make PS452 as the recipient of your Amazon and we get .5%
- F. Box Tops - progresso soups, mac n cheese - cut and save them and send them in via Kid Mail. We get .10c for every box top

- G. Picture Day is 11/30 –was looking for additional volunteers... Elissa Ruback volunteered to fill spot.
- VII. **New business (Liz Campbell)**-Community service over 85% participated in Trick or Treat. Over 300 lbs of food. 3rd graders raked leaves in CP and they bagged over 40 bags of leaves. There was an educational part as well so it's a great program for 3rd. 1st grade valentines program.
- VIII. Maria for Cheryl....3/25 for Auction...2 donations per family. Classes, events, tours of back stage, concerts, houses travel...Maria wants all those that don't move with the school that we pay it forward....
- IX. Pledge drive – give whatever you are comfortable giving. We are a little above last year at the same period of time.
- X. SLT now has to be a public movement....minutes approved and posted, and open to public etc. Community bldg. event was 11/16 and well attended and a lovely event. 150 people came and a thank you to all those involved that helped. Foreign language meeting today and there are 6 person committee and info will be shared with the SLT soon. STEAM various teachers and staff are attending training instruction. The committee focusing on development and program.
- XI. Holiday party is next 12/8.... Invitation to come. December 20th cookie event. And drinks after.
- XII. **Transition committee**.... Focus on getting families to go as we are better and stronger together. Jill and Nate- they will help get to the right place and get the answers we need. Nate- he feels lucky as he gets to be with all our kids from K-5. He hopes as many will join as possible. Having his own space will be advantageous. If we have questions, reach out to SLT Gmail account. Tours, etc. A survey will go out and its anonymous. Open ended questions and grades....Information shared with school. Upcoming meetings ...possible 1 per month meeting to see if that's helpful. Scott shared 12/12 meeting but now most likely the 19th...put a hold on the 19th on calendar but doesn't have confirmation.. He also pushed on the question of busing...waiting to hear from OPT. They will grandfather the families in that are currently at 452or just do standard regulated and or a shuttle at certain stops. Someone might override that rule...and grandfather in or they will work on a shuttle and you walk to xyz place and get picked up. And for siblings. Busing is priority. Start time is done through collective bargaining and OPT. Window opens in May and propose times...and its voted on by UFT members here at 452. There may be other things they vote to update...The PROSE agreement, periods, things like that are voted on.
- XIII. **Any new business?** Pre-K will it be zoned? It will be district and we decide curriculum but not enrollment and not sibling priority. Scott isn't sure if Pre-K has priority if you have a sibling.
- XIV. **Adjourn**
- A. Liz makes a motion to adjourn. 8:01pm seconds. Robin Krugman seconds.
.All in favor.