



PS 130 PTA Meeting Minutes - January 18, 2018

Call to order by Lisa 6:16pm

Reading of minutes - Waived

Treasurer's Report - Owen

- Lisa - Exceeded fundraising funds. More participants and volunteers
- Owen has a budget interim report available for those that would like one.
- Balance: \$94,600 - (\$36,567 is restricted grant funding)
- Income to Date (Gross)
 - Annual Appeal: \$32,668
 - Other Contributions/Grants: \$30,534
 - Fundraising Events: \$32,139
- Expenses to Date
 - School Support/Enrichment: \$51,793
 - Community Events: \$14,712
 - Operating Costs: \$2,210

Principal's Report - Ms. Nunziata

- February events:
 - Bklyn Childrens Theater and Arts connection performance 2/2
 - Bully prevention early session 2/6 - room 305 at the upper school
 - Bully prevention evening session 2/13- room 305 at the upper school
 - Will be sending out flyers
 - Parent volunteer training - spots available. Email Jackie if interested
 - Winter Recess 2/16-23
 - Pre-K open house 2/8
 - Kindergarten - 500 applications for about 170 seats

SLT Report - Ms. Nunziata

- SLT has 5 Subcommittees
 - Communication
 - Revamped the school website
 - Feedback
 - Preservation
 - Homeless
 - Spanish speaking families
- Everyone is welcomed to our meeting. Happy to include and bring your ideas. Let SLT know the date you would like to come.

Expenditure/Program Approval

- **New Fundraising Program: Luna Park** - Lisa
 - Approved
 - Purchase 100 bands
 - 4 block out days
 - Memorial Day, Easter, Mermaid Parade and 4th July
 - Can we return what we didn't sell? - PTA is confident to sell all 100 bands. Nets tickets sold 80 tickets in 2 days

- Sell to friends and family
- ONE day use only

Old Business

- **Annual Appeal** - Lisa
 - Sending out Thank you letters
 - Raised about 32K
 - Ongoing fundraiser
 - 130 for 130 - 100% participation. Any donation is welcomed!
- **Box Tops (\$153.60) - DEADLINE IS 2/26** - Lisa
 - Clip, cut and send to the upper or lower school offices

New business/discussion

- **Trust for Public Land** - Lisa
 - Confirmed Partnership with TFPL
 - They build school yard spaces
 - Kids participate in the planning/design
 - Stem program will be implemented in the yard (Sewer in a suitcase - a bioswale study)
 - Trust for Public Land does all the work
 - LS yard project needs more money
 - Participatory budget money is not enough
 - Applying for grants to supplement
 - We need more equipment, better bird study unit
 - To work with the curriculum next year
 - If you have any ideas, please reach out to the lower school yard committee
 - Start date?
 - Once construction is over
 - How long after TFPL starts?
 - With TFPL it is a faster process.
 - They will work on the front and back yard
- **KidPrint** - Thomas N.
 - Soliciting Kid print ideas from everyone
 - Both adults and kids can send in their ideas
 - February is Kidprint month
 - Send ideas to kidprint130@gmail.com
 - Volunteers needed
- **Talent Show** - Ayesha
 - Talent show is 3/23
 - Forms will be going out next week.
 - Form due date 2/03
 - Volunteers needed
- **Music Festival** - Bennett P.
 - Music Fest 5/11 at 6:15pm
 - Parent talent
 - All music styles welcomed
 - Drummer/teaching artist LaFrae Sci. She'll do a Blues workshop for our 5th graders on 3/1. On 5/12, from 11am-12:30pm, she'll do a workshop/performance with her band LaFrae Sci & Sonic Black
- **Maker Space** - Stephanie
 - Empty room at the upper school
 - Stephanie has a vision for this space
 - Looking for Grants
 - Wants to make it a block room
 - Kids can work by Intrinsic motivation

- Leads to discovery
 - Play doesn't always mean running and throwing
 - It means to be directed with things that are in front of them
 - At her old school they had a block room. She would bring her 4th graders and they built: fortresses, ancient river civilizations
- Any ideas or if you want to help, you can email Stephanie: sparsons@ps130brooklyn.com or you can speak to Lorne.
- Lisa - Asked Ayesha to write on a paper - Tech committee - for those that are interested to sign up.
- **Recess Program - Lisa**
 - Last year there were concerns that without coaches or extra guidance, the kids were getting hurt because of running. Parents got together made a committee to make recess more structured. They and Admin came up with Kids In The Game because they had the best program for both schools
 - KITG had best program and history.
 - Parents have concerns now because some kids don't want to participate in the structured games.
- Cari J.
 - Recess is complicated.
 - No space
 - Not enough equipment
 - I spoke at the november meeting and nothing was done.
 - KITG didn't make any changes.
 - (rearranging the games)
 - Kids don't want organized games, they can't run. Kids get yelled at. They have to sneak around
 - Most of the space is taken by the organized games.
 - 120 kids in the yard, school is worried about injuries.
 - Kids feel oppressed. No imaginative play. They are not being set up for success. Aides don't have a good time, kids are unhappy and get yelled for a natural activity for kids
 - Solomon wanted to speak, but he preferred to play.
 - We voted for KITG - 2 coaches in lower school and one at the upper school.
 - Propose a compromise
 - Collaborative play with blue blocks
 - Now there are 2 at the upper. We have an extra set of hands
 - 1 coach 1 game in the yard and the rest for free play.
 - 1 coach takes kids to the playground on East 7th
 - Other equipment like collaborative play equipment
 - Blue building blocks
 - Various solutions
 - There is a no running rule across the country. We can be progressive and make the change. Studies say that child directed play is not good.
 - Kids say there is no space. They can only do hula hoops
- Winter - JD's daughter
 - I have a lot of feelings
 - No running, no imaginative play, little space for out of the organized play
 - If you don't play in organized games, we are forced to play with hula hoops or jump rope. No free play
 - In the "Free space" there are benches, trees, bike racks,
 - If we don't play in the organized games, we are forced to go to "Free play space"- this is not free play - they hula hoops and jump rope
 - Assigned games have a lot of kids
- JD

- There are more boys at the organized games
 - Free play seems frivolous, but its learning. They take their school learning and use it at play.
 - Essential to use one's imagination to free play
 - It's a multi step process
- Ms. Feliciano
 - As a parent and a teacher she agreed with Cari.
 - Her main concern is safety. There is no line outside the nurses office. Since coaches came, its been safer.
 - Everyday there is a different game happening. Kids are having fun
 - Coaches pushes shy kids to participate. To be part of something.
 - Kids have choices at recess.
 - She spoke to Para's - coaches work at the lowerschool. Agreed that KITG works.
- Jill M.
 - Last year there was no recess coaches. Lets evaluate - Where are we? Where were we?
 - Continue the recess committee should go to recess and see what is happening.
 - Francesca tells me things, but i don't actually know what is happening during recess.
- Lisa
 - If you have concerns and get together hear from parents, admin, teachers, aides hear all that this affects.
 - 3rd graders new to upper. Had more space last year. Smaller space this new year. It's hard to navigate this situation.
 - Upper school more affected than the lower school
 - New building. Has obstacles. No easy solutions
- Jodi
 - What happens when it is indoor recess? And is there enough space for all kids?
 - Maria
 - 2 grades go to lunch. Only one grade goes outside and other eats. Then they switch groups.
 - I love conversations. We have a history of collaboration with the health and nutrition committee. She wants to work with recess committee to find solutions. Lets see how lunch and recess works together.
 - School is expanding.
 - SLT discussed this. We discussed the dynamics of lunch and recess. We want to be transparent to have better experiences for our children.
 - KITG structure is 2 adults for the number of kids we have.
 - We want to continue with the program.
 - Growing classes. Extra support at lunch is wonderful
- Cari - A lot of resistance to bring kids to the back playground
 - Maria - i wanted to have a meeting with you, so you can understand the logistics of being in a building that has 3 schools. We share all spaces.
 - Small yard is for our P53 students.
 - suggestion to use the space is logistically impossible.
- Cari - the school has 50 students. Most with mobility issues. Most days the playground is empty even on sunny days.
- Cari - when we voted for the split site, we were promised more space. Instead classes got larger, space got smaller. There must be someway. Try to find solution. There is a lot of resistance. Kids are unhappy. I feel that there could be solutions, but i get the sense that there is no other possibility other than what it is right now.
 - Ms. Nuniata
 - Get a committee to work together.
 - Understand how our building works. Then we can put forward some solutions.
 - Safety is our most important goal.

- Cari - Also the well being and emotional being, which play is essential. Safety yes, but also the well being.
- JD - Who makes up the committee, who will be on it?
 - Debbie - i was on the committee that brought in KITG. We never had a recess committee this year so we have to do is reform it.
 - Any parent that wants to help and find solutions.
- Bennett - Will KITG listen to our feedback?
 - Debbie - Yes they will.
- Jenny H.
 - Worked with 1st graders on their school study. What the kids learn is the school has 2 jobs. Kids are safe and that they learn. For us that means that recess has to have structure to it.
 - Kids learn sportsmanship, fewer arguments, fewer fights, less injuries. This means kids are ready to go back to learn.
 - Always room for conversation and tweaks and we can talk more that. I know that offer was extended and continues to be on the table.
 - Program is making a big difference at lunch.
- Lisa
 - An important takeaway is that - parents and admin all want the same thing. A place where kids thrive.
 - Let's form a committee. Ayesha made a recess committee sign up sheet. for those that are interested to sign up. We will get some meetings on the calendar. We will try to collaboratively find solutions.

Upcoming Events - Lisa

- **1/19 Movie Night (Boss Baby)**
 - Pizza will not be an issue, ordered 20 pie's from 2 locations
- **1/24 Reading Night (w/ special reading from author Alex Penfold & illustrator Isabel Roxas) - Alex P spoke.**
 - 15 years in children's writing
 - Will be reading her book during reading night
 - Isabel Roxas - illustrator
 - Isabel will do a drawing demo during the reading night
 - They are very excited
- **4/14 Spring Auction - Lisa**
 - Flyers will go out soon
 - Started to get donations
 - Anything you can contribute is welcomed!
 - Help is always needed
- **2/6 or 2/13 Spanish Speaking Families Meeting - Lisa**
 - We have 2 dates
 - If you want to help, please contact Araseli, Ivan, Rose or Karen
- **2/8 & 2/9 Talent Show Auditions**
- **2/10 Nets Game**
- **Ms. Claudia asked - why did 5th graders take a pic without the cap on?**
 - Lisa - Big Lice concern. A lot of parents expressed concern. Kids share the same cap to take the pictures. Which can pass lice to other kids.
 - Ms. Nunziata spoke directly to her.

Adjournment 7:16pm

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PTA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Art Committee & Art Boxes

- The Art Committee provided art materials and support for art activities across the grades. We will be doing the same for spring units of study.
- The Art Box team is continuing to provide supplies and restock Art Boxes in grades K-2. (If you'd like to help or donate materials, contact <ps130artboxprogram@gmail.com>
- General inquiries for the Art Committee ps130art@gmail.com

Grants Committee

- The Grants Committee met in December and January to discuss administration priorities, potential grants, and the upcoming Borough President's Capital Grant. The Committee is currently preparing a draft of the latter grant, which is due at the beginning of the February. If you would like to be part of the committee or know of any grants that match up with the priority areas, please email Nate Gray (natejgray@gmail.com) or Leah Dyson (leahfdyson@gmail.com).

Besides the Borough President's grant, current priority areas for grants investigation include:

- **Library / Literacy Center & Remedial Reading Support:** Staffing & Programming
- **Technology Program Support:** New Equipment (e.g., iPads, SMART Boards)
- **Music Program Support:** New Instruments and/or instrument repair
- **Physical Activity & Education:** Recess Coach Supplements
- **Classroom Blocks & Lower School Block Room Supplies**
- **Historical Preservation:** Lower School Stained Glass Windows
- **Teacher Professional Development Opportunities**

Music Committee

- The Music Committee brought in singer-songwriter and Native American activist Martha Redbone to perform for the 4th grade in partnership with their Eastern Woodlands Unit. It was a rousing and fun assembly!
- We are gearing up to plan the 4th Annual PS 130 Music Festival to be held on Fri, May 11th at 6:15 PM in the Upper School Gymnasium. This free concert will feature PS 130 parent musicians and is a special community building event.
- As part of this Music Festival weekend, we will present a concert on Sat, May 12th at 11 AM featuring master percussionist and educator LaFrae Sci and her band Sonic Black. This concert will be free and open to the public.
- We are continuing to bring in parent musicians to do singalongs in the Pre-K classrooms, as well as teaching the school song to K and 1st grade.
- We will be reaching out for help with our PS 130 4th Annual Music Festival, so stay tuned!

Yearbook Committee

- The Yearbook Committee is gearing up for the KIDPRINT! art project (and cover for the yearbook) which takes place early February. We will announce this year's theme and pass out submission forms in a few weeks!

