



PS 130 PTA Meeting MINUTES - February 15, 2018

Call to Order - Lisa 6:10pm
Reading of Minutes - Waived

Read-a-thon Awards (over for details)

- Participants: 66 students
- Raised \$6,197 as of 2/14

Treasurer's Report - Owen

- Current Cash Balance: \$102,279 - (\$35,130 is restricted grant funding)
- Income to Date (Gross) - \$ 104,806
- Expenses to Date - \$71,502

Principal's Report - Maria

- Grateful to the PTA
- Asked for a moment of silence for FL HS kids
- Had a principles conference with the superintendent - how are principles working on keeping kids safe and happy at school
- Received a few parent emails regarding safety.
 - Teachers are trained to respond in emergencies
 - Visit PS 130 website, About Tab - school safety - video
 - Shelter in – ALL school entrance doors to the school are locked
 - Soft lockdown - classroom doors locked
 - Hard lockdown (active situation) - stay away from windows and doors. Doors are locked as well
 - Safety agents do a walk thru
 - School Building Response Personnel walk the floors as well
 - Once the building is secured and out of danger, the drill is called off
 - Police is called immediately if there is a real threat
 - They have had some emergencies and there was immediate response
 - Please use designated exits and entrances.
 - Have ID, sign in with the safety agents
 - Thank you for your patience with all the school activities - art connection, grade study units, family Fridays...
 - School has an open door policy
- Questions:
 - Can Anthony come out and walk around yard in the morning?
 - Yes, we can work on it.
 - What time can we drop off children in the morning?
 - Admin is responsible for kids at 8:20. Any time before that, parents are responsible.
 - You can bring to the breakfast program. Starts at 7:40-8:10pm
- We have genius' - read-a-thon was amazing
- Anti-bullying workshops were well attended
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be March 15th
- Pre-K open house 3/22

- Have a restful break

SLT Report

- Middle school - putting together resources that 4th & 5th grade need.
 - Exciting ideas
 - Bring former students and parents to visit and speak.
- Historic Restoration - Kate
 - Find funding to restore the window panes at the lowerschool

Expenditure/Program Approval -

- **Music / Instrument Repair (\$500) - Bennett**
 - We have a great set of band instruments
 - Instruments need repairs
 - Need to be maintained of wear and tear.
 - Approved

Old Business

- **Box Tops - DEADLINE IS 2/26**
 - Please send in the box tops regularly, because they expire
 - Final submission for Spring is 3/01
 - After this date you can still cut and collect, but the next submission will be in the Fall.

New business/discussion

- **Nominating Committee - Sally**
 - Magic happens because of the Exec board
 - Consider joining the PTA and get a sense of how the school and PTA works
 - April PTA General meeting - nominations
 - May - PTA General meeting voting occurs if there are contested positions
 - Positions that must be filled:
 - Recording secretary, President and Treasurer
 - Any questions see Sally Skinner
- **Budget / Programming Ideas**
 - Invitation to submit ideas
 - You can email info@ps13opta.com
- **District 15: Middle School Diversity / Reforming Middle School Admissions**
 - Pilot program to diversify D15 middle schools with our specific recommendations
 - Spoke in small groups - gave ideas on how to integrate middle schools
 - Next meeting is 3/13 - there is translation and child care
- **Spring Auction**
 - April 14th
 - Auction party is 30 minutes longer
 - Alden moves is providing childcare. Register now to get the lower price.
 - We need donations and volunteers.
 - Volunteer to enter about 200 items to the online bidding site.

Upcoming Events

- 2/27 - Recess Committee Meeting (tentative; after drop off) - **POSTPONED -TBA**
 - Contact Debbie Deane with any questions
- 3/3 Movie Night - Coco
- 3/9 Talent Show Rehearsal (LS kids; rehearsal at US)
- 3/10 Karaoke Night @ Shenanigans
- 3/16 Talent Show Rehearsal (US kids; rehearsal at US)
- 3/23 Talent Show Performance
- 4/14 Spring Auction

- 4/23-4/24 Flea Market Sort & Flea Market + Plant Sale
- 5/12 PTA Fun Run

OTHER:

Foley Firs

- Mr. Tom foley stopped by to give us a check of \$360 - 36 signatures (trees bought by PS 130 Parents)

Maria Sara -

- Respect for all, kindness for all
- Kids are talking about bullying, self bullying
- She gives tools to focus, slow down, do breath work
- For parents - take time to sit and be conscious as we help our kids
- Meditate using Heart ABCD or try Magic Finger - make a heart with your finger. As you start at the top, breath in, hold it and slowly go down and breath out. Make a gentle sound. Pretend its a gentle wave
- Visit PS 130 website-resources-mindfulness
- You can also use GO ZEN - reach out to Maria Sara to get password

Mrs. Menon

- Fill out the lunch form before the end of March
- Diversity initiative middle schools - need information

Mary Ferra - Parent Survey

- Parent surveys will be going home Monday 26th (green envelope)
 - Will not be given at the parent teacher conference because the survey deadline is soon after conferences.
- Last year they had 74% parent participation, this year we want 100% participation
- If you have more than one child at the school, fill out your Eldest child's survey only
- The survey helps admin to see what they can make better.
 - revamped the PS 130 website, continued the monthly newsletter, Family Friday, Extra curricular activities
 - You say what you want.
- Fill out online or the paper form
 - If you fill out online, print a copy of your confirmation and give to your teacher
- Survey is anonymous
- Prizes for those that return the surveys:
 - Class with 100% returns - wins an activity of their choice (extra choice time, outdoor play)
 - Students that return the survey or confirmation will each receive a free HW pass
 - Parents of student that returned the survey or confirmation will be entered in a raffle to win a Barnes & Noble gift card
- If you lose the survey, you can go online to get a new survey.
 - You will need your child's OSIS ID #
 - Log on to mystudent.nyc to get his OSIS ID #
 - If you do not have an account, contact Jackie Serra

Social Media - Follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook - quickest way to get information

Adjournment - 7:10pm

Please "like" our "PS 130 PTA" Facebook page and follow us on Twitter @ps130PTA

Navigate to Amazon from ps130opta.com to earn us \$ rewards

[OVER FOR COMMITTEE UPDATES]

PTA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Read-a-thon Winners

Participants: 66 students | **Fundraising:** \$6,197 as of 2/14

The class with the most readers was 2-503 (with 6 participants)

The class with the most minutes was 4-307 (with 5,963 minutes)

Honorable Mention - 1,000+ minutes club

Eloise Walker, 1-302, (1860)

Madoka Saimaru in 4-307 (1560)

Louis Hoguet-Walsh in 5-301 (1456)

Oscar Milledge in 4-306 (1455)

Mateo Tavarez in 2-502 (1162)

Shoshana Seigel in 2-508 (1114)

Trixie Milledge in 2-503 (1081)

Annette Gleizer in second grade (1015)

Top Readers

3) Django Spadola in 5-401 (2020 minutes)

2) Maggie Bredbeck in 3-101 (2089 minutes)

1) Caleb Saxe in 4-307 (2393 minutes)

Art Committee & Art Boxes

- The Art Committee is working with teachers to plan for and provide materials and support for projects linked to spring units of study.
- We're working with art teacher Kirsten Ator to plan for the 2nd Annual Upper School Art Exhibit in April. More info to come! Please let us know if you can help with preparation and set up.
- 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

Grant Committee worked on and submitted an application for the Borough President's capital grant. The money would help to fund the reconstruction of the Lower School yard into an outdoor STEAM laboratory.

Music Committee

The Music Committee continues to present visiting artists and parent performances to support curriculum initiatives. In late January, a group of musician-parents performed American Folk songs from the 19th century to coordinate with the 5th Grade Western Expansion unit. On March 1st Drummer and educator LaFrae Sci will visit the 5th graders to teach workshop on the Blues and the African American experience during the Great Migration. On April 20, Chinese Pipa player Min Xiao Fen will visit the 3rd grade as part of their study of Ancient China. The PS 130 Music Festival is coming up on May 11th- parent performers and volunteers are needed. Contact ps130music@gmail.com

Yearbook Committee

The yearbook Committee is very excited to launch the 2018 KIPRINT! Art project this week, which in turn will also be on the cover of the yearbook. We are looking forward too seeing our kid's creative artwork! Submission forms are available at the school offices or request a form at kidprint130@gmail.com.