



PS 130 PTA Meeting Minutes December 16, 2021

Mindfulness with Marisara

Call to Order - 6:12

Reading of Minutes - Waived

SLT Report (Liz Edmund)

- The funding gap for the paraprofessionals was discussed
- Outdoor lunch survey
- Gender-neutral bathrooms discussed
- More inclusive selections in the school libraries discussed to be brought up at the equity and inclusion meeting on Monday

Principal's Report (Stephanie)

- We've had a couple of lower school positive covid cases
- What can we do to keep our students and staff safe
- Undergoing a transition in the way covid cases are being reported
- "The Situation Room" isn't always responding, so what will we do as a school while we wait up to two days for someone to return the call
- Principal Stephanie has been in jury duty all week, doesn't end until 12/30
- We were shorted over \$400,000 from DOE but we've now rec'd almost all the funds
- We want to move our hardworking, part-time paras and substitutes into full-time positions

Parent Coordinator (Jackie Hardy)

- Kindergarten applications just opened up
- Pre-K families here have to submit separate Kindergarten applications
- Virtual open houses scheduled 1/12 9:30am, 1/13 6:30pm (both will be recorded)
- Online English-language classes avail, 20 families registered already, email Jackie

Treasurer's Report (Regan Vidiksis)

- \$117,000 balance
- Income \$37,000
- Expenses \$23,000
- Cumulative Annual Appeals so far about \$39,000

New Business

1. Community Building:
 - a. Cool Culture passes (Elizabeth Weil)
 - i. Went out in folders today or next couple of school days if you applied before 10/29; applications after 10/29 will come early in the new year
 - ii. Limited number of loaner passes available, ask Elizabeth
 - b. Holiday Gift Drive Recap (Michelle Howry)

- i. Hit almost \$16,000 (smashed our goal!)
 - ii. For 98 students
 - iii. Will go in on Monday to pack and send packages before the break
 - c. Parent Social Nights (Mel)
 - i. First three Wednesdays of the month, a big hit
 - ii. Considering having more
 - iii. A great way to support local, PS130 parent-run businesses
 - d. Reading Night & Read-A-Thon (John Son)
 - i. Jan 28 - Feb 11
 - ii. Reading Night Jan 28
 - iii. Character Day Feb 11
- 2. Committee updates:
 - a. Music (Philippa)
 - i. BMS will start in the middle of January
 - ii. Registration link to come
 - b. 5th Grade MS panel
 - c. Health & Nutrition
 - i. Lice checks
 - 1. Will send an opt-out letter next week
 - ii. Lunch support
 - 1. Will fund floor cleaner
 - 2. Supplying paper more cost-effectively
- 3. Fundraising:
 - a. Reminders:
 - i. Vaccination campaign
 - 1. Receiving a \$20,000 on Dec 31 from referrals
 - ii. Foley Firs, Minted, ShopInNYC, Amazon Smile
 - 1. Foley Firs 8th Ave & 8th St
 - 2. Minted gives holiday card discounts
 - iii. 12/18 - BK Nets SOLD OUT!
 - b. Annual Appeal - Dec Drawing campaign
 - c. PTA Store deliveries (Kara Murray)
 - i. Waiting for the navy-and-gold gear to be delivered
- 4. 5th Grade Applications (Erin Langstaff)
 - a. Need a separate NYSchool code

Adjournment: 7pm

Important Reminders

- **School closures:**
 - Friday, Dec 24-Sun, Jan 2, 2022 for Winter Recess. *School resumes Monday, January 3, 2022*
 - Monday, January 17, 2022 for MLK Day
- **Kindergarten admissions:** Application period is OPEN! Apply by Jan 18, 2022

Upcoming Events

- 12/17 School Spirit Day: Ugly Sweater Day!
- 12/20 @ 5pm: Equity & Inclusion Committee Meeting (*virtual*)
- 1/7/22 (US) & 1/14/22 (LS): Lice Checks
- 1/10/22 @ 5pm: School Leadership Team Meeting (*virtual*)
- 1/20/22 @ 6pm: PTA General Membership Meeting (*virtual*)

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