



PS 130 PTA Meeting Agenda September 24, 2020

Call to Order: 6:06pm
(77 Zoom participants)

Reading of Minutes: Waived

Principal's Report

- Next week begins children in the buildings (Stephanie Parsons).
 - [Calendar](#) put out on Konstella to see what days and which cohorts
 - Next week we're matching specialty teachers with classes
 - After next week putting in place a schedule of covering teachers who are teaching in person
 - Trying to find ways to enable hybrid teachers to be able to teach their kids who are at home on days they also have students in the building
 - One strategy is to hire regular substitutes to be in each building to covering classroom teachers on days they have students in the bldg
 - Another strategy: in about half of our classes we have numbers that enable us to completely collapse a cohort; we have the numbers to do this in every grade
 - In ICT classes we still need to have all three cohorts
 - Have been able to bring in a little more staff to set it up so that hybrid students can see their main teacher both in class and remote
 - Will call families to choose between staying with the same teacher or choosing a new cohort to facilitate the above point
 - [Health Screenings/Arrival procedures](#) (Meredith Jose)
 - Will get all this in writing tomorrow:
 - All gates will be labeled
 - Show health screening or temp check
 - Kindergarten will be entering front gate. After screening kids enter, parents can't go past the gate
 - 1st grade gate on Ft Hamilton
 - 2nd grade on e5th
 - Dismissal at same locations
 - Need 3 new SLT members
 - Staff and family members and reps from community-based organization (University Settlement): meets monthly, includes yearly stipend.
 - Work is to review policies and comprehensive education plan
 - Infohub at the DOE site has more detailed info
 - Upper School Arrival, same procedure
 - 3-5th grade line up on e7th st
 - Grab n go brekkie available

- Lunches delivered in the classrooms

New Business (Mel)

- Committees
 - All these are in need of chairs
 - A letter will be sent describing the committees in greater detail
 - Diversity & Equity Committee (Stacy Alicea)
 - Admin, teachers, and parents
 - What is the vision for what equity would like at 130
 - 2 years of a lot of dialog without a lot of forward movement
 - Who can help us lead this committee and what is the role of the committee at 130, esp to initiate more actionable programs
 - Need at least two co-chairs who represent two significant groups in our community
 - Health & Nutrition Committee (Carol Wei)
 - Invitation to parents to reach out to:
 - who have suggestions for workshops
 - General comments and suggestions to what sort of support would be useful
 - Also needs a co-chair
 - 5th Grade Committee (Kate Fermoile)
 - Raises funds to offset 5th grade dues and plan events for 5th graders
 - Call for volunteers
 - Art Committee (Marivi & Allison Campbell)
 - Volunteers also needed
 - Maintaining the art box program for K-2.
 - Work alongside teachers for their projects, purchasing materials and help out in the classrooms
 - Assist Kirsten the art teacher who also need volunteers to help put up artwork for the annual students art show
 - Kirsten has a gofund me to send artboxes to remote students, need volunteers to distribute
 - Gardening Committee (Siobhan)
 - Supports lower school curriculum with pollinator and bird study, and in the upper school the native american studies
 - Things were going well in the garden last winter before the shutdown
 - Hope to maintain the work, if not keep expanding
 - Needs another co-chair and volunteers
 - Possible to have outdoor events
 - Can reach Siobhan on Konstella
- Will send out a [survey about volunteering](#)
 - Can also sign up to committees via Konstella

Postponement of Election of Parent Members to School Leadership Team (Liz)

- Election of Members at Large to the Executive Board (Liz & Mel)
 - Description of Members at Large duties from the bylaws
 - Anne Norman
 - Vagia Karamitrou
 - Travis Dickerson
 - Regan Vidiksis
 - Ben Struck

Financial (Lorne)

- Treasury Report
 - Shared annual report on screen
 - \$196,000 raised last year, most of which was from in-person events
 - Fund balance as of 6/30/20: \$135,000
 - Current balance: \$116,147
 - Amazon Smile reminder (we receive .5% of your purchases)
- 2019-2020 Financial Review
- [2020-21 Budget Summary](#) & [Proposed Amendments](#) (Liz)
 - Sharing proposed budget on screen
 - In light of the pandemic the exec is proposing a bunch of amendments
 - Lowering income projections (because we'll be canceling many fundraising events)
 - Keeping Spring Auction and Readathon (\$8,000)
 - 25% cut in income via community events
 - Adjustment to expenses
 - We've raised Annual Appeal to \$80,000 (by \$20,000) to offset fundraising cuts
 - Cut teacher's professional development assistance -\$25,000
 - How we'll spend that money
 - Outdoor Learning + \$40,000
 - To make it as easy as possible for kids to learn outdoors
 - Portable desks
 - Educational enrichment
 - PTA funds a math teacher
 - To add to the admin's teaching reserves
 - Health and Wellness + \$3,000
 - Thermometers
 - Disinfecting wipes

University Settlement Afterschool Presentation (Steven Brunson)

- In the past services up to 200 students between both campuses
- Have had to do lotteries in the past
- Enrollment this year avail online and on paper by cohorts
- During after school will only be using classrooms already used
- Rolling enrollment through October

Important Reminders

- [Assign classroom in Konstella](#)
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- [Blue Card Sign Up](#) (Liz)
 - A digital system to keep track of everyone's emergency contacts

Adjournment

7:45pm

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