



PS 130 PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 7, 2020, 6:30 PM

Zoom Info: <https://zoom.us/j/98220127392?pwd=cmV3dndUS05nVFFPNkhSMzhOaWZ5Zz09>

Start: 6:36

Present: Mel, Liz, Lorne, Jonathan, John, Emerson, Mimi, Karyn, Travis, Matthew, Kara, Chris, Emily, Anne Cole Norman, Lisa, Ben, Gretchen, Vagia, Philippa, Ashley, Kate

Reading of Minutes: Waived

New Business

- Principal's Report (Stephanie)
 - Stephanie was in the upper school, where everything went well
 - Meredith, all went well in the lower school too
 - Put together a list of questions for the staff?
 - AB/AB schedule (Stephanie, Meredith, C Saffady)
 - AB Schedule, facilitated by lower numbers opting back in
 - Why is there a remote day in the middle of the week
 - Lots of schools are doing this
 - About marshalling/allocating limited/taxed resources, staff getting some time together to take stock and figure out how to make things go better. And to plan beyond December.
 - We can offer that remote day to some students (in order of priority: IEP, ESL, temporary housing students)
- SLT report:
 - AB/AB schedule
 - Staff is upset about a petition?
 - Staff is severely understaffed
 - We can try to keep morale positive with staff and parents
 - Can PTA or SLT ask if it's possible to prioritize children in shelters or temp housing for 4 days per week? (or 5)
 - Would it worth our effort to create a survey for the community to ask about their feelings related to communication?
 - Lack of communication from the admin is currently THE major issue
 - What can the PTA do to help
- Treasury Report
 - Lorne will send summary via email



- D&E had a meeting, but (keeping with the theme) it was not well advertised. I've gotta run but will follow up on filtering up concerns. (Emerson)
- Fundraising:
 - Annual Appeal Update (Liz)
 - Full-on campaign for December
 - Weekly prizes
 - Matching fund from donors
 - Halfway to \$80,000 already
 - Holiday Gift Drive Update (Mel)
 - Going great
 - 110 kids this yr (up fro 90 last yr)
 - This week we want to ask families
 - Holiday gift drive
 - Annual appeal
 - Pool all teacher gifts
 - teacher appreciation (Vagia and Anne) (Class parents still up for happening)
 - Suggestion that we summarize all the asks in one document
 - PTA Store - new items up
 - Brisk business
 - Kara is organizing drop off/deliveries
 - Teacher Appreciation Collection
 - Amazon Smile
- Music Committee (Chris and Philippa):
 - Brooklyn Music School
 - Online music school
 - \$150/family for a 10-wk class, with 10 families enrolling, and the BMS would cover \$1200 so that there could be a scholarship fund. Based on enrollment.
 - Ultimately it's a wash financially
 - PTA would organize the outreach and scheduling, etc
 - An afterschool music academy based on what parents
- Events:
 - Reading Night (John & Vagia)
 - Talent Show (Mimi & Chris)
 - Feb 26 (lower school) & March 5 (upper school)
 - Open to all, 2 mins
 - Taped segments with live MC
 - Text to give



- Suggested donations for people in the community/relatives
- Volunteers Needed:
 - Spring Auction -- seeking Chairs
 - School Photos -- Stomping Ground Photograph
 - School Spirit -- procure masks for February

Upcoming Events

- Bangla Speaking Family Night, 12/10, 6pm
- PTA General Mtg, 12/17, 6pm (*wear your ugly sweater*)
- Winter Recess, 12/24/20-1/4/21

Adjournment: 8:25pm

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