



PS 130 PTA Meeting Minutes March 18, 2021, 6pm

Mindfulness with Mariasara (5 min)

Call to Order - 6:06pm

Reading of Minutes: Waived

Introduction of our new CEC 15 School Liaison - Antonia Ferraro

- The voice of parents in the district
- 12 members, 9 elected, 2 elected by borough pres, 1 non-voting high school member
- April 20, 21 forum
- May 1 - 11 voting, will need NYCSA account to vote
- Hoping to share the CEC's call to action with our community via the PTA
- Asking people to contact state legislators to talk about how the Cares Act funds were lost last year
- Asking that new charter schools aren't created to take away from public school funds
- Resolution to suspend the state tests, a waiver from the tests, CEC feels states use tests to penalize schools, esp in light of this past year with all the challenges, but feds are insisting testing go on
- But tests will be shorter and remote learners won't be mandated to take them
- <https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2021/3/17/22336984/ny-state-standardized-tests-math-english-science>
- antoniacec15@gmail.com
- Ivan Banda: the CEC website (<https://cecd15.org>) will have much of this info
- <https://cecd15.org/dei-sessions>

Principal's Report (Stephanie)

- The city is going through a reckoning with how we teach history and social studies; NYU has designed a CRSE (Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education) that schools can use to look at their existing curriculum to make sure we're as responsive and inclusive of our family.
- We're committed and interested in looking at our current curricula to make sure that it isn't overly white- and eurocentric by using a CRSE scorecard.
- We're starting to do this work very intensively, esp in 4th grade
- Will work with district 15 instructional specialist
- PS130 Admin emails: sparsons@ps130brooklyn.com, csaffady@ps130brooklyn.com, mjose@ps130brooklyn.com

Parent Coordinator's Report (Jackie)

- Irving Simone picture day March 22 & 23 at both campuses
- 3/22 Cohort A, PreK, Kids in 4 days a week
- 3/23 Cohort B
- Virtual class parent training next week Mar 25 at 11am
- Report cards April 16 will be avail through mystudents.nyc

SLT Report (Matthew)

- Looks like state tests will happen

- They're optional
- Given to hybrid students who can opt out
- Remote students can opt in
 - Remote parents should let us know if they want to opt in. We can accommodate you! An announcement will go out to all Gr3-5 families about this (Stephanie)
- <https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2021/3/17/22336984/ny-state-standardized-tests-math-english-science>
- Find your district for middle school: <https://schoolsearch.schools.nyc/>
- District 15 has eliminated state tests as eligibility criteria for middle school acceptance, not confirmed for next year
- Can be district 15 for elementary and district 20 for middle school

Treasury Report (Lorne)

- + \$11,000 of annual appeal
- + \$8,000 readathon
- + \$4,000 talent show
- Total assets \$130,000

New Business

1. Community Building: (Mel)

- Talent Show - thank you to the team
- BLM Community March - March 20th, 10am start at Upper School (Mariasara)
 - Wear masks, bring signs and drums
- Senior Photos - LAST CHANCE March 24th, 4:30pm (Liz)
 - Thanks to Thomas Neueberger will take the portraits
 - Thanks to Kate Fermoile for hosting
 - In-school photos this past Mon & Tues
 - One more session for 16 seniors who couldn't make it so Thomas will host another session at his house 244 east 4th st. 4:30, Sunday, March 21
- Parents' Chess Night - March 25th (Lisa)
 - ICN next Thursday Mar 25 at 7pm
 - Meeting ID: 87033291311
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87033291311>
- Virtual Family Trivia - April 10th
 - 7 rounds
 - Dance parties in between
 - Whole family
 - Free and open to all staff & family
 - Win PS 130 swag!
- Sex Ed Parent Workshop - following April PTA meeting (April 15th) (Liz)
 - Presentation about how to talk to our kids about SEX (arghhh!)
 - Free

4. Fundraising: (Mel)

- Spring Auction -- May 15th
 - Parent Talent needed, please donate your skills!
 - Volunteers needed for soliciting donations
 - Vacation stays

- Anything you consume or use from a local (or upstate/nearby) business that you feel comfortable asking to for a donation from, please do so
- Feel free to email Mimi, Kara and myself with any parent donations.
- mimi.e.oconnor@gmail.com, karaemurray@gmail.com, jenniferuva@gmail.com

5. Volunteer Needs

- Garden Committee chair (Siobhan)
 - Ready to pass on the reigns
 - Fun if you like working outside
 - Fun if you like gardening but don't have your own garden
 - Usually have fall and spring spruce up events
 - Work with bird studies and pollinating curricula
 - Plant sale in spring
 - Bulb planting if it makes sense
 - siobhancthomas@gmail.com
- Nomination Committee (Mel)
 - Need 1-3 more volunteers (we have 2) to reach out to community to find leadership for next year's PTA
 - Sign up here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wBD0hf9ROrCNakF6fZoCSFJxzzphgnSuzYL37dnybKE/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Nominations at next general PTA meeting

Adjournment -

Important Reminders

- 3/29-4/2/21: Spring Break - **School Closed**

Upcoming Events *(meetings will be held virtually)*

- 3/20/21 @ 10am: BLM Community March
- 3/22-3/23/21: School picture day
- 3/23/21 @ 4pm: Diversity & Equity Committee Meeting
- 3/24-3/25/21: Spirit Day - PAJAMA DAY
- 3/25/21 @ 11am: Class Parent Orientation
- 3/25/21 @ 7pm: Parents' Chess Night
- 4/12/21 @ 5pm: School Leadership Team Meeting
- 4/15/21 @ 6pm: PTA General Membership Meeting

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