



## PS 130 PTA Meeting Minutes November 18, 2021

*Mindfulness with Marisara*

Call to Order: 6:07 pm

Reading of Minutes: Waived

SLT Report (Nick Norman)

- There's a hole in the budget because of a problem with the DOE
  - 2 buckets of money that goes to the school
    - Tax-levy money
    - Title 1 funds
  - 21 students who need para-professionals, but DOE has only provided funding for 10 paras.
  - Means there's a \$400,000 hole in the school's budget
  - The admin appealed to the DOE but only \$60,000 of the funds the DOE is supposed to provide
  - So there are going to be shortfalls for supplies etc because we have to pay the paras out of the supplies budget
  - SLT recognizes this as a crisis
    - Inform the school community
    - Send a letter to Dist 15 superintendent describing the situation
      - Principal Parsons sent the letter to the superintendent, who asked Parsons to forward to budget dept.

Principal's Report (Principal Parsons)

- Special Ed services
  - All schools were told to go through with process see what you can get
    - Academically, we have services covered for reading, writing, and math
    - Counseling-wise, we don't have it figured out yet
    - Don't have a physical therapist for onsite services
    - We have OT and ST services avail in the upper school
  - We know we have a lot of social-emotional needs
    - Were able to hire another social worker this year
    - Erin has been in the lower school for more days because more evaluation and support is needed there
    - We've been able to bring in an outside contractor to provide further support
    - We have crisis support coming from our borough office next week to evaluate and provide further support

Treasurer's Report (Regan Vidiksis)

- \$103,510 balance
- Expenses \$64,507
- Income \$54,047

- Annual Appeal \$22,000
- Fall Fest \$18,000

## New Business (Mel)

### 1. Fundraising:

- Vaccination campaign
  - Met our goal of 200 referrals, bringing in \$20,000 from the campaign
  - But other schools need referrals
- Foley Firs (Tom Foley)
  - Incentive-laden program (the more signatures/trees purchased, the more \$ goes to the school)
  - You don't have to have kids that go the school, just sign up for our school PS130
  - Free delivery (no setup this year due to Covid)
- PTA Store - new design (Kara Murray)
  - New line of navy-gold merch limited edition
- 12/18 - BK Nets
  - Link to come soon
- Button on the PTA site to donate funds for families in need
- Annual Appeal - Dec campaign
  - Win free meals
  - Launching 11/29

### 2. Community Building:

- Thanks to all who attended our Spanish-, Russian-, & Bangla-Speaking Family Nights
- Holiday Gift Drive (Michelle Howry)
  - School admin identifies children who need help covering their holiday wants and needs (warm winter coat, gloves & mittens, boots, gift card)
  - Expecting around 100 kids
  - Please send donations to PS130 to 44-321 (\$1,307 tonight!)
- Committee updates:
  - Health & Nutrition
    - Shaipe Dokovic introduction
  - Website
    - Noah Klein is a graduating parent
    - Need a new website parent for next year
    - If you have any website building/coding experience, please reach out to Mel Wadle and PTA
  - Yearbook
    - Marivi is a graduating parent as well so need someone to take over next year
  - Art
    - Need someone to chair the art committee next year
- Parent Social Nights
  - Wed, 12/1 - PreK & Kindergarten families
  - Wed, 12/8 - 1st & 2nd Grade families
  - Wed, 12/15, 3rd-5th Grade families

### 3. Other

- Lost & Found Rummage - Friday, 11/19, Lower School

- Label your kid's stuff (with first & last names & class numbers)!
- KidPrint is back!

Adjournment - 7:10

### **Important Reminders**

- **School closed:** Thursday-Friday, November 25-26 for Thanksgiving

### **Upcoming Events**

- 11/19 School Spirit Day: Wacky Hat Day!
- 11/22 @ 4pm: Equity & Inclusion Committee Meeting (*virtual*)
- 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 @ 8pm - Parent Social Nights at Cena (*see above for grade details*)
- 12/7: School pictures (Upper School)
- 12/8: School pictures (Lower School)
- 12/13 @ 5:00pm: School Leadership Team Meeting (*virtual*)
- 12/16 @ 6pm: PTA General Membership Meeting (*virtual*)
- 12/17 School Spirit Day: Ugly Sweater Day!

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