

General PTA Minutes

June 8, 2018

1. Welcome
2. Minutes Approved
3. Principal's Report:
 - G&T registrations are under way; filled all seats in the Diversity Program
 - Likely to be able to offer seats to district siblings;
 - Received a \$50,000 grant from Assemblyman Richard Gottfried for technology
 - Fifth grade will be the largest graduation class; consequently, families are restricted to 2 tickets per student; will live stream the ceremony
 - PS11 is now the largest elementary school in District 2
 - Formulating a plan while scaffolding covers the school that will ensure students' safety
 - The small play yard and the roof will be closed during construction
 - The theater teacher obtained a grant for a new lighting system
 - Thank you to all the parents, the SLT team and the Executive Board
4. SLT Elections and Board Elections:
 - 7 candidates running for 3 open SLT positions presented and were voted on by the general PTA membership. Jason Schultz, Ron Miller and Sonal Patel were elected.
5. Presidents' Report:
 - Thanked Executive Board members who finished their terms.
 - A new slate of candidates to fill all the positions on the Executive Board were voted in
6. Treasures' Report:
 - Received \$18,000 for the Annual Fund in May
 - Nearly doubled merchandise sales
 - Still reorganizing the way budget items are displayed to ensure clarity and transparency
 - Charity Buzz will become a line item and other events will be split into separate line items
 - Sold more yearbook ads than expected, which will help to offset production costs
 - Paid for the gardening program, D.C. trip, Teacher's College, Yale University for Emotional Intelligence
 - Raised about \$125,000 more than last year; broke the million dollar mark
 - Approved to give \$100,000 to the principal in addition to the budgeted \$300,000 for school support, mainly to hire qualified people for our students
 - Will establish a policy regarding the ways school support funds are used: the principal will provide periodic updates to the PTA describing how the moneys are being spent
 - If you have a school program idea, contact the PTA presidents

- The bookfair has done very well; Amazon is slightly down
 - Presented a line item breakdown for the ways the PTA spent its money
 - Lego Robotics team will receive seed money to pay for a coach and the committee will come up with ways to make up the difference
 - Reaching out to people to conduct an independent audit
7. Fundraising Report:
- Did not win Participatory Budget approval for the air conditioner
 - Exceeded our Annual Fund goal, but did not make the participation target; the PTA reached 80% participation and not the 85% target
 - Future budgets will capture value of volunteer hours in events
8. Programs Report:
- June 20, claim your Lost and Found claim
9. Membership Report:
- Ice cream social will be on Monday, June 18 at 1 pm
10. Events Report:
- From the Gala, raised \$150,000 Breakdown: Silent auction, \$58,000; Live auction, \$70,000; Paddle, \$14,000
 - Thank you to the auctions team
 - Upcoming: Field Day, Fall Fest: looking for volunteers
 - Need co-chairs: CFC, Paddle 8
11. Communications Report:
- Emails will continue through the month of June
 - Need volunteers for 5th grade moving on ceremony, Field Day, ice cream social and lost and found events
 - Read the digests and check the web site for latest information