

PS/MS 165 PTA General Meeting Minutes November 15, 2017, 2017, 8am Library

1. Call to Order

2. Administration Update – Jessica Scanlon

Ms. Scanlon and Fatima are planning a Scholastic Book Fair in the winter (February). The SLT is planning a Literacy Night perhaps to coincide with the book fair.

The deadline for Big Apple Awards is Nov. 27th. Nominate excellent teachers for this award.

Tell anyone you know looking for schools to sign up for tours. Drum up support for our school.

3. Treasurer's Report- Heather Lottner

This month went well and we had great fundraising endeavors. A fifth grader ran a race and raised \$1700 in donations. He also won the 5K race.

The Election Day bake sale raised \$2200.

The Gift Catalogue fundraiser raised \$4500, but we only get 30% of that.

There will be fliers for the fall pledge drive coming out: please give, even if it's only a small donation.

Keri Roy organized the Holiday Sale in early December. The kids shop themselves. Everything costs \$2-\$7.

On Dec. 9th Thérèse has organized a Craft Fair. There will be activities, games. Volunteers are needed, as well as people to attend. There will be storytelling and a photo booth. The event is open to the entire community.

4. Principal's Report – Ms. Castellano

Tomorrow is parent-teacher conferences. Make sure to make your appointment and try to be on time, as the conference is only 10 minutes.

On Friday is Open Classrooms where the children will be sharing their Leader & Me notebooks, for the first time in the school. The Leader & Me Open Classroom is like a student-led conference with your child. Support the kids and teachers because this is the first time they are doing this.

Math Night will be on March 23rd. The SLT discussed adding a Story Night or Literacy Night for the first time. Share ideas, if you have them, with an SLT parent or with Ms. Scanlon.

I hope you enjoyed Open School Week this week.

Alternative Lunch is in discussion but it must be accepted by both schools (Mott Hall and PS/MS 165) before we can move forward. There will be a survey of parents to decide if parents want this or not. Parents are researching the options. Cannot commit to a timeline at this point as to when this would happen.

5. SLT Report - Ms. Stone

The last SLT meeting was very successful. There were many topics raised. We have heard your inquiries and concerns, which were distributed among different teams and sub-committees.

The school is interviewing candidates for the Parent Coordinator position, but right now Ms. Bennett is in the office, you can reach her at the Parent Coordinator email.

For Math Night and Story Night, there are committees within the SLT, which will then reach out to the PTA.

Please discuss problems with your classroom teacher first before going farther.

(Request to post SLT minutes on the school website.)

6. **Updates – Sharon Chisom**

There was a CEC community meeting last night with the proposal to truncate the Middle School.

We need a new SLT parent member. The SLT meets one Thursday per month, and it is a 2 year commitment.

DJ Sheppard suggested that parents contact Gale Brewer's office about the school construction, Because it is going forever – we need more pressure from Gale Brewer's office.

MS Parents – John Lopez, MS parent. He is against the proposal to close the middle school. He wants his kids to grow up in this school.

The next CEC meeting is Thursday, Nov 21st.

Lucas Liu (CEC rep): Mott Hall has all levels, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Principal Lowe has said that he will embrace all the 165 students and integrate them. They will not be in a separate section. Come to the CEC meeting Nov. 21st at PS 165.

Meeting Adjourned

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7. **Adjournment**