

# PS/MS 165 PTA General Meeting Minutes October 18, 2017, 8am Library

## 1. Call to Order

## 2. Treasurer's report - Heather Lottner

Treasurer's report distributed.

Upcoming fundraisers: Picture Day (volunteers needed) and Election Day Bakesale (volunteers needed). There is also the Gift Catalogue Sale.

The budget will be voted on now. There was an increase in the cost of E3 Sports – instead of \$11,000 last year, it is \$16,000 this year. Other expenses are new PE equipment, Field Day supplies, the New Victory theater field trips, supplies and Teacher Appreciation gifts.

A motion was made to vote to approve the budget. A majority voted to approve the budget.

## 3. School Leadership Team Report – Ms. Stone

Update from the last SLT meeting: E3 Sports is going well. Lunch has been going well – the children are lining up outside quietly (no talking), which makes the line go faster.

The CEP – comprehensive education plan – has increased the goals for ELA and math school-wide.

With the Leader and Me program there has been an increase in respect, communication and working together.

Minutes from the SLT meeting are posted in the hall.

Sharon Chisom from SLT added that we are a showcase school again, showcasing our Professional Development to other schools.

The email address to raise issues for the SLT is [slt@psms165.org](mailto:slt@psms165.org)

A new co-chair for the SLT is needed.

The SLT meets once a month on Thursday, 3pm-4:30pm. Parents not on the SLT may attend but may not speak.

Lighthouse Meetings take place every other Tuesday to bridge communication between parents and teachers. One parent from the PTA and one from the SLT attend these meetings.

At the last SLT meeting, Robin Simpson from the Leader and Me program gave a presentation.

Surveys soliciting anonymous responses will be distributed and compiled by Leader and Me and available in March.

**Ms. Scanlon:** A lot of professional development is ongoing in the school. We have a higher level of PD than most schools.

There are now RazKids reading accounts for all children in the school – RazKids gives children access to reading books at their level.

This Friday will be Open Classrooms with Flocabulary - a vocabulary-building program which also has accounts for children.

School tours will be led by Ms. Scanlon, along with 5<sup>th</sup> graders to assist.

The Parent Coordinator has left the school and needs to be replaced.

## 4. Administration report – Ms. Torre and Mr. Strang

**Ms. Torre** – we now have student ambassadors in the morning – older kids greeting students as they arrive, providing support for smaller children.

**Mr. Strang** – Principal Castellano is not here because she is presenting our math work with Ms. Rodas at the National Math Conference, which is an honor.  
Open Classrooms take place one Friday a month.  
Spoons Across America is a healthy food initiative, now going on in K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms.  
We are planning to do tulip planting in the Community Garden on 111<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Leader and Me program: this month's step is "Sharpen the Saw," which means we need to take care of ourselves.  
Fictional Character Day will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> – no masks or swords allowed in school.

## **5. Committee Reports**

**Thérèse Lyras** – organizing community events. There will be a Craft Fair – there is no date set yet, but please sign up to help out if you can.  
There will be a holiday sale again this year on December 4, 5 and 6.

## **6. Meeting Adjourned**