

PS 165 General PTA Meeting APPROVED
Minutes Wed 4/17/2019
Auditorium 8:15am

Call to Order: Paula Moss called to order at 8:25am.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Joanne moved to approve March 20, 2019 Minutes.
Heather seconded.

Principal's Update: Aracelis Castellano

PS 165 Newsletter: collaboration between administration and PTA parents, first Newsletter will go out in April.

We received approx. \$65,000 in extra funding from increased enrollment in 1st – 5th this school year from last year: New \$24,000 laptop cart, on third floor. Teachers were adamant they needed one more. Teachers will share it, sign it out, and it will go from room to room.

Field Trips from 21st Century Grant: \$7,000 for field trips. Surveyed teachers for their preferences.

K/1 will see a play at Theaterworks (Magic School Bus, or something similar)

2nd grade T-Rex exhibit at Am Museum of Natural History

3rd grade Museum of Math

3rd, 4th & 5th grades National Geographic exhibit on oceanography, “The Encounter” a virtual reality experience

We have about \$2,000 left.

Urban Arts show TODAY 3:30 – 5pm. I hear merengue, bachata, I hear the music in my office.

May 15 Leadership Day. Similar to last year.

Math test May 1st for kids in 3rd – 5th grade.

Looking forward to Grant Committee forming for next school year, but please do speak with me (Ms Castellano) about what you are doing.

This Spring Break, try to get your kids off the block, take part in all that NYC offers. It helps with their reading comprehension.

Special Election: Treasurer

Paula opened nominations. Erika nominated herself and Alex. Unanimous vote of 10 people for Erika & Alex Co-Treasurers.

President's Update: Paula Moss

Building Safety Council

Met Apr 9: asked about access point for school buses to pull in. Ed Kelly will show Paula around worksite, and liaison with DOT about buses.

We will be able to update in May.

Liz Yockey's building has been very active pursuing School Construction Authority/SCA to finish up construction and complete roof renovation before 2.5 years, as currently projected.

Jaime invited to community stakeholders meeting by Comptroller Scott Stringer.

Scholastic Book Fair: week after Memorial Day, Tue May 28th – Fri May 31st.

SLT Update: Sara Stone

Researching possibility of serving cold lunch in cafeteria when weather is hot.

Teaching Artist from NY Hall of Science for next year

Teachers want to remind parents to work with their children over spring break since state tests happen right after we return.

Leadership Day volunteers: will have morning session & late afternoon session.

Backpack invitations coming soon.

Upcoming PTA General Election

Wed May 22 8:15 am in Auditorium

Nominating Committee is Liz Yockey (Chair) and Tonya Culley

Mandatory Offices:

President (can have up to two)

Recording Secretary (can have up to two)

Treasurer (can have up to two)

Non Mandatory
Vice Presidents
Co-Chair Fundraising
Co-Chair Grant Writing

Possibility of planning a Fall Auction Dinner
If you have expertise in grant writing, great! If you don't, you can learn.

Member of Wellness Council: Divya stepping down. Need to elect a parent to that position.

Community Representatives

Parent: what is a Community Rep?

Paula: Community Reps receive Board emails, may also chair an event. For example, Loren runs the Spring Fair. You could call her Spring Fair Committee Chair, but she has been elected a Community Rep.

Paula asks our Community Education Council/CEC3 liason, Lucas Liu, to stand.

Lucas: Dual Language Working Group update: We met yesterday with . The CEC is involved in equity issues and the middle school matches.

Heather: Could we have a phone blast for the three camps?

Castellano: Summer Camp for STEM you can enroll yourself. Ms Yanaz has link if you need it. Summer Academy (academic work) you enroll through the school, it will be held at PS 163 on 97th Street. And the Multilingual Learner Summer Camp is for English Language Learners. All free.

I will be PS 163 as will Ms Yanaz. Our school building will be closed – a good thing, they can get going on construction.

Paula: Title 1 Committee will have an election in Fall since current committee term ends in Nov.

Adjourned 9:45 am