

PS 165 General PTA Meeting
APPROVED Minutes Wed 5/22/2019
Auditorium 8:15am

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

Principal's Update: Aracelis Castellano

Science Written Test June 3. We did 3 – 4 weeks of Science test prep for 4th grad only. My understanding is there may not be a 4th grade Science test next year.

D3 Art Fair (both visual and performing arts) **Wed May 29 at PS 163** – Ms Lisa is soliciting families for art to enter in the Art Fair.

Scholastic Book Fair **Mon May 28 – Sat Jun 1st**. We need to remind parents who can to send 3 – 4 dollars. Some books will be a dollar and the PTA and myself can pay for books for some students who can not afford them. We want every child to go home with a book, because reading is so important.

ELA & Math planning for next school year is in progress. Most units of study will remain the same with slight changes.

June 1 Spring Fair thank you to Loren for organizing.

June 10 Field Day: Teachers have chosen their tee shirt color. Email Mr Concannon to volunteer.

Election: Liz Yockey, Chair Nominating Committee

Ms Castellano notes all voters are parents, and the meeting is also attended by non-voting Big Word translator and non-voting visitor, Keri Keiger from District 3 President's Council. 27 parents in attendance. Liz opened nominations from the floor and noted nominations previously emailed to her.

Co-Presidents

Paula Moss & Tara Parsons self-nominate from the floor

Co-Secretaries

Jason Yarn (emailed to self-nominate) & Larry Lee was nominated by Sharon

Co-Treasurers

Luca Passaleva & Zarina Zakirova self-nominate via email

Vice Presidents

Jaime Cunningham & Sharon Chisom self-nominate from the floor

Co Chairs of Fundraising

Erika Medina & Nayia Frangouli self-nominate from the floor

School Wellness Council Parent Representatives

Tara Parsons & Nayaia Frangouli & Vivian Canada self-nominate from the floor

Community Reprmentatives

Nildania Perez

Ros Pereira-Huang

Fatima Sowid

Alice Neff

Alex Pozenyakov

Erika Medina

Keri Roy

Heather Hemphill motioned to vote for each person, which Alex Pozenyakov seconded. Liz asked parents to vote by show of hands. 26 in favor, none opposed/unanimous for Co-Officers, Co-Chairs of Fundraising, School Wellness Council, and Community Reps.

Tara Parsons nominates Nildania Perez for President's Council. 26 in favor, none opposed/unanimous.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Alex moves to approve April 17, 2019 Minutes. Heather Hemphill seconded.

President's Update: Paula Moss

School Supplies: New Vendor, School Tool Box. Teacher supply list will be online, but you can pick and choose, a la carte. This vendor gives extended period of time to order, until mid-September and delivers to home.

Spring Fair: Our Spring Fair flyer is on the NYC Link Kiosks!

Fatima: Book Fair We will be open during Spring Fair, so once all the games, food raffle etc are staffed with volunteers, come help at the Book Fair.

Fatima: Picture Day Update. A lot of problems with Lifetouch this year. Today I'm meeting with Irving Simon to research other vendors.

Art Fair: Keri Keiger

This is a District wide event, includes evening hours. A lot of schools do field trips to see the art & perform, or in afterschool. Visual Arts and Performing Arts. There's also a scavenger hunt in gym, with prizes.

Building Safety Council: Paula

Last building safety meeting was on Tue May 14.

Three more fire drills scheduled between now & end of year.

Jaime: got update from Crissy who had impromptu meeting with SCA week before. 75% completion of asbestos removal over summer.

Next meeting June 12. Ed Kelly, Project Mgr has offered to show us around. The next project (roof renovation) is different from the one finishing up.

Community Education Council/CEC Update: Paula

Calendar Meeting, Multilingual Committee, Equity & Excellence Committee

If you are not receiving Newsletter, please let us know. It's distributed through Mailchimp.

Treasurer's Report: Paula

April's Treasury Report posted on PTA Board, as it is every month.

SLT Update: Paula Moss & Ms Castellano

Due to Ms Stone having a death in the family, she is not here to do update.

Castellano: We're looking forward to new science curriculum, Amplify. Will use next year. More scripted for teachers, and investigation notebooks for students. Also, STEM partnership with a teaching artist. NY Hall of Science is a possibility, we want someone to help teachers learn to teach the STEM work.

Computer Science for ALL: This is an annual Grant, we are waiting to hear if we have it for next year.

Comprehensive Education Plan/CEP Goals: this year, our goal under family engagement was to increase the number of parents completing DOE School Survey. We rose from approx 50% to 80%. CGA exams in K – 5, we want a 5% increase in proficiency, some classes in reading have up to eight levels in reading improvement for a child.

Open Classroom: Scoreboard without children's names. Shows collaboratively reaching goals.

Leader in Me will come back to our school. I want to apply for Lighthouse status. This is already happening, other school leaders visiting, but I want to make it official.

Next PTA meeting Wed June 19

Nayia: We need to start addressing Sustainability in the schools, move away from consumption as a fundraising model.

Keri: D3 Green Schools has a yahoo email listserv.

Castellano: Mr Strang is Sustainability Coordinator at 165.

Tara: Looking for food donations for Spring Fair. Please help!

Adjourned 9:25am

Title 1 Meeting: Zasha Medina & Alex P

Title 1 is the federal funding program for schools with more than 40% of students qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch.

1% of total Title 1 budget is allocated for parent engagement. At this meeting, we need to adopt our bylaws.

Keri: since all students now get free lunch, you need to make a big push for everyone to fill out the form even though the individual family doesn't see any benefit. It brings significant funding to the school as a whole.

David Neff motions to approve Title 1 Minutes from Nov 2017, Fatima Sowid seconds.

David motions to approve bylaws, Fatima seconds. Unanimous approval.

Title 1 mtg adjourned 9:29am