



## PTA MEETING MINUTES April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Approximately 15 parents and the Executive Board were in attendance.

PTA Meeting was preceded by a parents' workshop presented by Ms. Hall.

### President's Report – Katy Osborne Chiu

- Little Pulp fundraiser - 25 families participated and we raised \$650 from entrance fees thanks to Frank and his contribution; additional money raised was net of \$50 in concessions of drinks and snacks. A Target gift card of \$100 was given to Frank as a thank you (this was gifted to us by Target).
- Uniform Vote came in and it was voted down. We will not be proceeding with uniforms.
- Evening shows – (\$5 per person, two max) – The April 5<sup>th</sup> Dance Troup Show was the first ticketed event. It raised \$320 in ticket sales and \$86 concession sales; older siblings who were alumni were also invited to this event.
- PS 175 Tour – 9 families went on a tour of the school. The PS 175 staff was very inviting.
- Plant Sale – planned for the 2nd week of May to tie in with Mother's Day - delivery needs to be cleared with the school. \$200 cost; \$2 per plant cost which will sell for \$5. We can buy books from Amazing Savings and sell them along at the sale. The idea is that kids will come in with money and pick out what they want to buy for their mother. More details to come.
- Teacher's Appreciation Week – May 8th – PTA will meet with the class parents to plan. They will follow what was done last year. It will be 5 days of activities for the teachers (snack cart, fruit, etc.).

### SLT Update – Ilyse Sisolak

- Uniform Vote - 70 No's and 38 Yes's came in from the parent vote.
- The new Report Card grading - E =4, G = 3 plus, S = 3, N=2, U=1; The DOE gives schools the choice to pick 1 of 4 grading systems. SLT discussed the following:  
Parents feel that it is hard to get a 4 in this school, more so than in other schools. What will this mean as the school goes up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and grades become more important. The school is not going to change their standards, but the school is becoming more aware of that means for when we have 5th grade. The middle-school application, which is a computerized process, includes grades as a part of the application. Concern is that the S reads like a 2, not a 3. Do we go back to the 1-4 or keep this 5 level system? At 196 the teachers will tell the student what the 1-4 grade equated to out of 100. The school expectation is that all students get above 90 on tests and the grades here are a holistic view.

### Treasurer's Report – Emma Symons

We are doing better than last year at this time.

Our bank balance as of today is \$14,214.78

We added \$2,321.86 to our bank account through the following:

- \$12 Leah Tejpal - Holiday Market Fundraiser (Nov-Dec)
- \$309.86 Chipotle Fundraising
- \$585 Bake Sale
- \$100 Art With a Heart Matching Gift Donation
- \$50 Art With a Heart Donation
- \$150 Fall Appeal Matching Donation
- \$650 Little Pulp Fundraising
- \$150 Little Pulp Food and drinks sale

- \$15 Trip Shirts
  - \$290 Dance Troupe Performance
  - \$10 (2) Renaissance tickets
- \$86 Dance Troupe Concessions + \$30 Dance Troupe Performance (to be deposited)
- Expenses Included:
- \$188.77 Reimbursement to Katy Chiu
    - Yoga mats \$120
    - Sweatpants \$19
    - Mixed bag (overlooked) \$59.77
  - \$60 Babysitting 3/02/17
  - \$225 PT Conference—Teacher’s lunch + soda + delivery tip
  - \$600 Jazz at Lincoln Center
  - \$206 Philadelphia Insurance Co.
  - \$10,550 Wingspan Arts Artist in Residence
  - \$136.33 Harland Clarke Check Book
  - \$54.21 Little Pulp Concessions Snacks for sale
  - \$52.97 Dance Troupe Concessions Snacks for sale

Since we are raising money through the shows, the money should go back to the theater program. Ms. Rizzuto has been asked for her wish list - light bulbs and other things that are needed for 2nd grade show.

#### **Election Committee**

- A letter went home requesting nominations for SLT and PTA. People can be nominated before the next meeting and the person running has to be at the election meeting (May 4th PTA meeting).
  - 2 people have been nominated for SLT – there are 4 open seats, but if there are extras we can expand participation in SLT.
  - PTA – Treasurer, Secretary and President – roles can be each done by 2 people

#### **Other Updates**

- Building Update - The new addition will be open 2 year from September 2016. After that, the renovations are being done on the rest of the building. The playground will be coming out during the summer and will be out for the next school year. New Playground will be in the back for pre-K only. For the older children there will be an open yard. The playground will not be done until everything else is complete. Additional teachers will be hired in 2019.
- Ilyse Sisolak is still working on the current 2nd grade going into 4th grade by adding a trailer to the yard. Ms. Leto wants to know the final plan by September. We have two options to get this potentially accomplished a. eliminate one pre-school class or b. hold two 4th grade classes in trailers.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**