



PTA MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2017

Approximately 60 parents and the Executive Board were in attendance.

All Parent Introductions

Ms. Hall Introduction

President Katy Chiu introduction of existing and incoming board

SLT Update (May 10th Meeting) – Ilyse Sisolak

- Workshop – May 16/17th – STEAM workshop – great experience and parents got to see how STEAM is being taught
- The school has received money from the city and starting September 2017, and we will have STEAM carts. They will have equipment and lessons on them.
- School Expansion – There will be 4 of every grade once the expansion is complete. Expect the unexpected – more visible changes, playground will be removed for next year; PS 144 and PS 196 hired an outside company for recess and we may look into that. Outside company brings in physical activities inside or outside.
 - Originally the construction was supposed to be complete for 2018, but it was pushed to 2019. PTA letter signed by the parents will need to be submitted to Monica Gutierrez in Melinda Katz's office.
- Question came up about building playground for the older kids – currently not in the plan, but we will be discussing in the future. If there is no playground, we will have to decide what will be put in place to facilitate play outside.

Treasurer's Report – Emma Symons

Our Bank Balance as of today is \$15,584.94

We added \$1,439 to our bank account through the following:

- \$550 Plants Sale
- \$665 Arabian Nights Tickets Sale
- \$60 Matching Donation
- \$159 Arabian Nights Concessions
- \$5 Trp shirt

Expenses Included:

- \$45 Babysitting 5/4/17
- \$19.91 Reimbursement to Emma Symons
 - \$14.97 Sentry Cash Box
 - \$4.94 Binder
- \$29.58 Reimbursement to Katy Chiu
 - \$14.12 Michael's Fruit Baskets & gift tags -Teacher Appreciation
 - \$15.46 Ice Packs for the Nurse Station
- \$361 Plant Purchase + Delivery tip
- \$39.95 Filing Tax Fee - Reimbursement to Emma Symons
- \$75.06 Teacher's Breakfast & Staples
 - \$53.84 Bagels
 - \$21.22 Staples (Arabian Night tix paper)
- \$30.59 Reimbursement to Katy Chiu - Amazing Savings

School funding from the DOE is low because we are a small school. The PTA fundraising pays for Ms. Stewart, Singapore Math in addition to the Go Math, Lincoln Center Jazz, Online reading Raz Kids, 92 St Y program, and various other things to support theater.

Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes

Todd and Vincent Introductions – Incoming PTA Co-Presidents

Mingling Game

FAQ Reviewed (see below)

Have a great Summer! See you in September.



Welcome New AEA Families! FAQ

We are so happy to have you with us tonight. Here's some information about our school we thought you might find helpful. **ALL INFO IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

When are PTA Meetings held? Currently, PTA meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Café. Babysitting is always provided. <http://www.303pta.org/>

What is the school schedule? School begins at 8:10am and is dismissed at 2:30pm. All students are dropped off and picked up from the school yard.

Can my child eat breakfast at school? A free breakfast is provided each morning from 7:30-8:00. Pre-K students must be accompanied by a parent. K-3 parents will drop off at the front door. Students should come hungry, as this is not intended as child care.

When do the children have lunch and recess? K-3 Students have a 50 minute lunch/recess period each day. Each grade level eats separately beginning at 10:00am. Following indoor lunch they are taken outdoors for recess. In inclement weather students have supervised play (board games/Lego/etc) in the Café. Pre-K students eat lunch in the classroom, followed by rest time. They have outdoor recess as well.

How much does lunch cost? What's on the menu? Currently lunch costs \$1.75 per day, which can be paid monthly or daily by cash or check. ALL families should fill out paperwork to determine eligibility for free lunch at the beginning of the school year. School lunch menu can be found here (select K-8 Lunch Menu) <http://www.schoolfoodnyc.org/schoolfood/MenusDailyDisplay.aspx>

Does AEA offer afterschool care? Onsite-Wingspan Arts <http://wingspanarts.org/afterschool-programs/>. Wingspan is offered from 2:30-6pm daily for an additional fee. Students have playtime, the option of homework help, and a different specialized class each day chosen from offered selections each semester.

Does AEA offer daily bus transportation? No, there is no DOE-provided bus service at our school.

How do I get school supplies for my child? This couldn't be easier! We have partnered with **1st Day School Supplies** to allow all families to place a quick order of supplies requested by your child's teacher. All supplies are EXACTLY what the teachers request and get delivered directly to the school before school begins. This gives your teacher the opportunity to sort and label supplies and to have your child's classroom set for learning when school begins. This also spares you the task of running all over town filling a supply list and sending in an overflowing backpack on day one. <http://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com/>. The deadline to order is June 30th.



What does the PTA do? Our first goal as a PTA is to serve as a welcoming community for all AEA parents. We always welcome your input and your questions. Secondly, the PTA of AEA supports and promotes the vision of our school. Due to the small size of our school, our government funding is limited. We help ensure that all students receive the supplementary programs that make our school so special. The PTA raises funds to provide the Singapore Math curriculum, RazzKids online reading program, a partnership with Lincoln Center Jazz, and the spectacular visual arts residency with Ms. Stewart. We help provide needed supplies for school performances. We coordinate teacher appreciation efforts for our outstanding staff and organize various charity drives. Our school depends on us and we need **your** help!

How does the PTA raise funds? Our budget is funded with targeted efforts throughout the year. Our annual direct appeal in the fall is our primary source of funds. Following that, we hold one catalog sale, several bake sales, a spring plant sale, holiday goody bags, spring performance tickets sales, etc.

How can I communicate with the school? Our teachers are very responsive to email. You can also expect emails from the Parent Coordinator (303parentcoordinator@gmail.com) and the PTA (303pta@gmail.com). Both teachers and AEA also share information and photographs via the Remind app and Shutterfly. You will be given registration information at the start of the new school year.

When will I be invited to visit my child's classroom? Open School Night is in early September and it gives you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, other parents, and view the classroom. Additionally, there are various classroom celebrations and events, publishing parties, and performances throughout the year.

Will my child have homework? Aside from a few family-based projects and nightly reading, Pre-K students do not have regular homework. Beginning in kindergarten, students can expect homework that gradually builds over time.

Where is physical education held? Ms. Rizzutto, our physical education and drama teacher, holds physical education class in the multi-purpose room on the 2nd floor.

How I can I get involved? Come to PTA meetings! Look for opportunities to volunteer for Class Parent, bake sales, plant sales, Picture Day, and more!