



**PTA MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2018**

Approximately 30 parents and the Executive Board were in attendance.

Presidents Update – Todd Holden

- The District 28 CEC meeting coincides with the PTA meeting. In the next few months the District Planning Office will presenting their zoning proposal and we will need to be there. Voting to change the meeting from Thursday to Tuesday or Wednesday has resulted in a tie. We will consider that we move the meeting to the 2nd Thursday of the month.
- Possible By-Law Amendments discussed:
 - Amendment to allow the date to be changed without an PTA vote, but with 48 hour notice, such as for Snow Day/ School closed for snow
 - Change notice period to 10 calendar days from 10 school days.
 - Should we do an amendment that parents can't nominate themselves on the day of the vote for board members? Varying opinions on this topic.
 - Amendments have to be drafted and presented to the parents in March and then voted on in April.
- **Motion to move March meeting to March 8th. – Motion carries**
- Nominating Committee for next year's board election – 3 people are needed to solicit nominations by sending out a flier; do the paperwork for the vote; verifying eligibility; making ballots, counting ballots. Nominating committee is at the vote meeting. You cannot run for office if you're on the nominating committee. The following 3 parents volunteered:
 - Sheryl Hirshon
 - Stacey Samuels
 - Simone Dornbach
- Update on pursuit of grants from organizations and individuals to collect money from outside – We have a list of 30 options that we have or will be contacting to get funding
 - There is an article on Biography.com on the Harlem Renaissance at AEA, which should be included in the solicitation letter.

Treasurer's Report – Naina Hathiramani

Ending Balance as of 1/31/18 = \$24,792.58

December 2017

Expenses

	Amount
<i>Totals</i>	\$3,254.76
Mixed Bags Invoice (Reim for Todd Holden)	
Teacher's Lunch (Reim for Todd Holden)	
Playgroup Equipment (Reim for Todd Tolden)	\$2,635.26
Ashley Salazar(Reim for Dec. Goody Bags)	\$201.54
PTA meeting babysitting (Dec)	\$90.00
The School Planner	\$327.96

Income

	Amount
<i>Totals</i>	\$1,269.00
Mixed Bags	\$239.00
Annual appeal	\$325.00
Goody Bags	\$705.00

January 2018

Expenses

	Amount
Totals	\$3,920.00
Special meeting babysitting (Jan 29th)	\$120.00
92nd Y program	\$3,800.00

Income

	Amount
Totals	\$0.00

Fundraising Discussion – Parents and Ashley Salazar

- Future expenses – SLT may be asking for additional expenses. Also we can give Ms. Leto a budget or specify one of the upcoming fundraisers for her needs
- Mixed Bag – spring fundraiser with a new catalog through the end of June. 40% comes back to AEA. We received \$2,200 in profit from the Fall Fundraiser.
- Valentine’s Day fundraiser -made less than holiday goodie bags
- Mighty Nest – online catalog now available for BPA free bottles, shampoos, earth friendly products
- Shutterfly – order anything through the link and we get 13%
- TD Affinity – request to resend the flier from parents - \$10 for existing accounts and \$25 for new goes to AEA
- Restaurant Fundraisers – fliers went home
- Pepper Zhang - \$60 came back to AEA - 15 families participated
- Car Magnets – Ms. Leto agreed to “My child is a star at AEA”. She wants to do the design. We are pricing out vendors. A parent suggested 3rd grade graduate magnets, but the price may be high on such a small order.
- Painting with a Twist opening in the next month in the neighborhood. We can do a parent’s night out. The place will also do a monthly event where they donate money to a charity of your choice. Oliloli – has donated her space for free to the school in the past. If we do a night-out in May maybe we could get more people. It could be cost prohibitive if we don’t get a good turn-out.
- Shopping Fundraisers – flier coming out soon!
- Spirit wear – Ms. Leto wants to do this. In the future we could do shirt orders at the beginning of the year and then make the options available online – bottle, bags and clothes. It would be an upfront cost from the PTA. Water bottles could be sold at the meetings
- Read-a-Thon or Tea catalog?
 - Kids read and log and solicit donations – asking friends to donate. 70% comes back to the school – 15% goes back to the child to shop. If we do it over the April break it could work and we could make upgrading classroom libraries as the cause.
 - Tea clothing is girls centric – expensive clothes.
- In the future we should gear shopping fundraisers to Mother’s day or for specific sales – make shopping exciting and make people more inclined – build in a sense of urgency such as Oliver’s labels for camp in May

SLT Meeting Update –Ilyse Sisolak

January 3rd Meeting

- When the school expands what programs will we have? Music will be a priority, Tech program, Computer programming, debate group; foreign language is an option for maybe after school, there is not enough time in the school day.
- New wing will have a multimedia room – licensed teacher to be hired
- Harlem Renaissance will be on

February 7th Meeting

- 2 STEAM carts are being ordered, which will have 3d printer, data ports. There is an extra 10K left that will be used to order 27 google Chrome books for the school.
- Positive feedback at the CEC meeting

- STEAM club – Lego sets for 1-3rd grade – 16 students participating and it is very successful. Ms. Vasilakis went to Apple workshop on programming and coding.
- Proposal for OSMO program for school – Kindergarteners and above can learn to code. We need the equipment - \$3800 for 10 I pads The teachers would get trained. OSMO pieces would be additional cost \$50-\$100 per set. 10 sets at least would be needed
- Proposal for Robotics – Dot and Dash by wonder - that are hefty and won't break - \$200 for one. The programs grow with the child.
- These would be used at Math/English Centers and for STEAM class

Additional Discussion

- Raz Kids – what's the adoption rate for this? We should review.
- Google Group – separate group for the discussion of the zoning. We also need an action committee. We will do a flyer for both google groups to go out.
- Next CEC Meeting is March 1st.
- The District 28 Chancellor Farina meeting is coming up – 2/27

Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 7th, 2018 and January 29, 2018 Special Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8th.