



PTA MEETING MINUTES

Subject to Approval

March 8, 2018

Approximately 25 parents and the Executive Board were in attendance.

Presidents Update – Todd Holden

By Laws – Revisions/Amendments – Copy of Full By-Laws distributed to attendees

- PTA Meeting day change to 2nd Thursday of each month. It might conflict with CEC, but we can vote to move it when necessary.
- Article VI A1– general membership – suggested change “exceptional” to “for good cause”. Decision to strike out the “Exceptional Circumstances” altogether.
- Revision - change 10 school days to 10 calendar days.
- No meetings should take place at private homes according to chancellor regulations. Ilyse Sisolak confirmed that PTA meetings are not covered under the NY State open meetings law.
- Parents should read the by-laws. We will vote on them in April.

Spending Priorities

- We are on target with current financials.
- All agreed we should do planners for next year.

New Proposal for Robots and ipads for 2018-2019 school-year

- These items are above and beyond the current budget.
- Estimated cost of \$7,000 total. \$3,800 for the ipads. Osmo programs for Ms. Vasilakas; \$150 for the programs – includes mathematics and robotics and coding. The professional development will be for Ms. V only.
- Ms. Leto can only buy Lenovo tablets through the DOE, she can't buy ipads.
- The carts are on the order but they take a long time. Ms. Leto doesn't know when we would get them. If she hasn't gotten the carts yet should we be throwing the robotics and this new thing on her? Ms. V is interested and very excited about using this. It doesn't require extensive training. You manipulate pieces and audio and visual learning and using the app. It is not just on screen. Benefit – they wanted to bring coding into the school. Even a kindergartener can do this. It includes math and learning money, so they could use it for other reasons. Each cart includes computer, 3D printer data ports.
- It would not replace RAZ Kids. It is not the same as RAZ Kids.
- Raise money for this: Read a Thon, bumper stickers, spirit wear for the school. For a Read-a-Thon you raise money through your friends and neighbors, not just the school community. Fundraising will be targeted. The ipads are old and they can't even upgrade them.
- Should we vote on this now or do a motion in April to spend up to \$8,000 on technology equipment potentially ipads and whatever the administration needs for the STEAM program.
- We should dedicate the bake sale for the first \$1,000 of this. Last year we did concessions at the play and it was not worth the effort. Sign up genius needs to go out for volunteering and bake goods.
- Successful fundraisers: \$329 for Chipotle - \$1,000 of the photos
- Discussion on moving the April PTA meeting since the CEC meeting is on the 12th – same day as ours. CEC agenda is school food.
 - CEC Meeting Update – great parent and teacher turn out. The rep from District Planning was reasonable and she said that she wants to do the best for 303 and the district. PS 196 is getting an extension within 2-3 years and they also have an annex. Their overcrowding is going to be solved. The DP person said that she doesn't want to make a fast decision.

- Michelle and Stacy sent her an email the next day and asked what the next step was. Stacy asked again today and received confirmation that zoning 303 is off the table at this time.
- We should still be going to the CEC meetings. 2-3 people going would be good.
- No vote to move the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Naina Hathiramani

February Ending Balance = \$16,252.40; Still have to book a matching gift, Chipotle, Panera Bread and additional Mixed Bag

Expenses

	Amount
<i>Totals</i>	\$10,840.62
Wingspan Arts (Ms. Stewart)	\$10,550.00
Babysitting (Feb)	\$90.00
Ashley Salazar (Reim. for Goody Bags)	\$200.62

Income

	Amount
<i>Totals</i>	\$2,300.44
Book Fundraiser (Little Pulp)	\$262.80
Matching Donation (Macys)	\$125.00
Fundraiser (Mixed Bags)	\$55.00
Valentine Goody Bags	\$610.00
Amazon Smile	\$90.96
Picture Day 17/18 Fundraising	\$1,096.68
Pepper Zhang Fundraising	\$60.00

SLT Meeting Update –Ilyse Sisolak

All discussion has already been covered.

Additional Discussion

- Teacher Lunch for Parents Conference – we will do it next week.
- Teacher Appreciation is in May. We need to discuss in April.
- Motion to approve spending on two lunches – up to \$300 for lunch. Approved.
- Box Tops – we missed the March 1st deadline for submission
- Are we getting a new Parent Coordinator? Is it a mandatory position? It's a valuable asset to the school when we have one.
- May elections – we need a representative from the school at our PTA meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 2018.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12th.