



**PTA Meeting Minutes  
Sept. 20, 2018**

Approximately 30 parents and the executive board were in attendance.

**President's Report — Ashley Salazar**

Welcome, and introductions. Our mission is to help the school, the administration and the parents, especially with communication.

PTA dues: This money goes for babysitting and the basic supplies needed to run the PTA. It's \$25, and a request will be going out next week. This is a separate ask from the annual appeal.

Volunteer opportunities: The PTA is looking for parents with tech experience (cleaning up the old iPads), grant-writing experience, interest in community volunteer projects, and experience in accounting and tax preparation.

Picture day, with Stomping Ground photos, is Wed., Oct 17. A flier will go out next week or the week after. Wed., Dec. 12, is the retake/makeup day. The purchase of photos is also a fundraiser for the PTA.

Money from annual appeal helps pay for Mrs. Stewart (visual art teacher)'s contract through Wingspan, 92nd Street Y music program, Singapore math curriculum, Raz-Kids online reading program

Over the summer the PTA was able to purchase 20 iPads and 10 Wonder Workshop Dash robots, thanks to the success of last spring's STEAM fundraisers. They have arrived at the school, as have the long awaited STEAM carts that came from city council funding.

**Treasurer's Report — Paul Goldfarb**

June 1, 2018, balance: \$20,707.47

September 1, 2018, balance: \$26,586.08

Income: \$6,198.20

Major contributors: Read-a-thon \$5,400; TD Bank \$500

Expenses: \$319.59

Upcoming expenses:

STEAM iPad purchase = \$7,642

STEAM Robots purchase = \$1,250

Singapore math purchase = \$6,971

Overdue planners bill from 2017-18 school year = \$327.96

Annual appeal is well underway, it's for \$330.

The PTA now has PayPal! And one donation has been received so far.

**Minutes from June's meeting approved — Stacey Shick Samuels**

No objections.

### **SLT Update — Ilyse Sisolak**

School Leadership Team sets goals for the school, helps determine curriculum and works on curriculum-related topics. It met Sept. 12.

Construction on the new building is ahead of schedule, which allows for bad weather etc. so it can still open on time.

For 2019-20, pre-K and K will stay in the old building and will have an indoor walkway to cafeteria, "gymnasium" in the new building. 1st-4th grades will be in new building. Construction will continue in old building; in later years pre-K, K and 1 will be in old building. There will be two entrances open for drop-off. No new security agent is expected. Question is raised whether a crossing guard can be considered.

DOE has asked that our school be a pilot for a diversity program. There are a lot of questions that still need to be answered, including what the criteria would be. Mrs. Leto would get to decide the percentage of students admitted through the program, and there will be no buses.

Singapore Math: The administration dropped using the workbooks because of the expense and wasted pages, but the textbooks will continue to be used.

### **School Planners Update — Rebekah Cabonargi**

The student planners introduced for the 2nd and 3rd graders for the 2017-18 school year were a great success.

However, the outgoing PTA Executive Board ordered planners for the 2018-19 without approval for the membership. The customized books cost about \$9 a piece, which is much higher than comparable products. Rebekah and Maria Scoloveno are exploring other options for the 2019-20 year, should the teachers want to continue the program.

A motion was made and approved to pay the \$744.15 bill to the planner company, with no objection, for the 2018-19 books.

### **Fundraising Updates — Ashley Salazar**

We have a list of continuous fundraisers (flier was available at meeting):

<http://www.303pta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Shopping-fundraisers.pdf>

Box Tops for Education: We will be collecting in October. They must be mailed from the school before Nov. 1

The money from Artsonia sales doesn't go to the PTA, it goes directly to Mrs. Stewart for her supplies.

We're not doing Mixed Bag this year as a holiday fundraiser because the deadlines were not feasible for a school order before Hanukkah.

We're doing a gift card fundraiser instead: Families/friends can buy the cards for face value, and the PTA gets a percentage.

The Harvest Parade bake sale and a parent-teacher conference bake sale are both in the works.

A Miss Chocolate fundraiser is under consideration for February-March. Restaurant fundraisers will be back, too, in the spring. Read-a-thon will also be back in May.

Suggestion for parent nights: Painting With a Twist, paintball

### **Q&A**

The administration is still looking for class parents; please contact the school if you're interested.