



**PTA General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 12, 2019**

Call to order at 7pm

The Executive Board and 23 parents in attendance.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 2019 meeting - Sheryl Hirshon

- Motion passed without objection.

Co-President's report - Elaine Lee-Wong/Simone Dornbach

- Elaine: pie sale was successful and raised approximately \$800
- Elaine: Picture retakes - PTA needs to re-evaluate sibling photo day scheduling and the sign-up sheet needs to be improved. The PTA welcomes suggestions. The photos from the first order deadline will be coming to school/backpacks soon.

CEC Meeting Report/Diversity Plan Presentation by WXY - Rebekah Cabonargi

Rebekah and Simone attended the November 2019 CEC meeting. The room was packed to capacity and people were turned away. The CEC later issued an apology and offered to do a repeat with WXY, if requested.

WXY is the facilitator hired to supervise the process to create a diversity plan. Two representatives from WXY presented. First, they created a working group and announced general descriptions of the members without names. The working group has since been expanded. A parent from 303 has been selected to be on the working group. All names are being withheld due to disrespectful behavior by opponents, especially on Facebook.

It was a very loud and contentious meeting. Lots of press people were present.

There will be four public meetings between January and May. First is framing. Second will be in Feb-March focusing on themes, history, best practices and challenges for this district. Third will be in April-May focusing on options and different draft recommendations. Fourth will be in May-June with a draft plan and obtaining feedback to finalize the plan. All of the meetings will be open to the public, at different locations and near public transportation.

The plan is expected to affect current 4th graders and younger students when they get to middle school.

The Superintendent who requested the grant has since been promoted and a new superintendent has not yet been selected. There was a request to delay the diversity process until a new superintendent is selected and is up to speed.

The process has opposition from both the north and south sides of the district. Busing for the sake of busing in either direction is not helpful.

Rebekah asked WXY what they learned from the District 15 diversity plan process. They said that they needed more parental input.

City Council has voted that ALL districts must come up with diversity plan. This process will later expand to the rest of the city.

Next CEC is 1/2/20 at 6:30pm - agenda unknown. Parents are encouraged to attend CEC meetings. Simone suggested that 303 parents who support the diversity process should come and encourage other parents to give process a chance.

Jainnie Hackman stated that she meets with other PCs monthly. She said to take everything with a grain of salt. There have been flyers being distributed outside school opposing the plan, but there is no plan yet. Don't pit children against each other (e.g., by calling them "those kids"). Remember that 303 has students from all over District 28.

Treasurer's report for October - Edward Suh

- November 2019
 - Opening balance: \$43,652.09
 - Income: pie sale, annual appeal, raffles - \$4,377.88
 - Expenses: cost of pies (\$700), babysitting, Raz Kids (\$759.60) - \$1,657.43
 - Ending balance: \$46,372.54

- Looking ahead - Jan/Feb are slow months, 2nd payment to Ms. Stewart is due end of Feb.

SLT Updates - V. Saroyan

Meeting held on 12/4/19.

Topics discussed included: district instructional walkthrough for well-performing schools by chancellor's office (best practices); Town Hall Safety Meeting -1 attendee, topics included: breezeway completion, school safety - new emergency protocol for active shooter incidents; On Stage feedback re: allergies; WXY and the Diversity Plan Process.

Wingspan update: Michele Molfetta emailed with Wingspan. While they will be reducing the spring semester from 6 classes to 5, they agreed to make the size of the classes bigger to accommodate all current Wingspan families. Wingspan will notify all current families of a special early registration period to guarantee a spot for the spring semester. Wingspan will meet with Michele and Sheryl Hirshon in February 2020 to discuss possibilities for expanding the program for the 2020-21 school year.

Old Business

- Picture day - Ms. Nabavian was absent due to religious observance. Motion to approve paying Stomping Ground \$100 photoshop fee to insert her into the class photo passed unanimously.
- No PTA holiday gift this year for the kids.
- Motion to approve spending for office supplies (\$85.28) and pizza for picture day volunteers (not to exceed \$50) approved without objection.

New Business

- Next PTA meeting is on 1/9/20.
- The PTA bylaws need to be reviewed for possible amendments. For example, some parents would like PTA meetings to be held during school hours. Please make suggestions and proposals at the January PTA meeting and they can be voted on during the February PTA meeting.
- Raffle winner - Alric Burke won two tickets to the Alvin Ailey dance performance at City Center.

Adjournment on time at 8pm