



PTA^{OF}AEA
PTA General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2020

Call to order at 7pm

The Executive Board and 25 parents in attendance.

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

- Motion passed without objection.

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

- The pie sale information from the December meeting needs clarification. The amount in the December minutes reflected gross sales, but the profit was actually \$518.
- Lil Shoppers event: the kids had a lot of fun, even though some stuff ran out. We made \$983.10 profit.
- Boon supply: despite a late start, we still made a profit of \$158.24.
- Minted: made no money.
- Stomping ground: pictures will be delivered around January 17 (approximately). Awaiting final sales figures to find out what the 15% fundraising profit will be.
- Restaurant Nights Out fundraisers: - Chipotle will be January 1/22 4-8pm, 33% back to school; Panera at Rego Center will be in February and Shake Shack will be in March
- Miss Chocolate and Popcorn fundraisers are coming soon
- Simone attended the last CEC meeting and there were a few other 303 parents there. A new kindergarten parent spoke and stated that it was her first CEC meeting and it was very enlightening. It is important for parents to attend because social media distorts what actually happened. Another parent spoke about the widely different attendance numbers from the local FH schools, that the majority of the CEC members seemed to be against the diversity plan, one member spoke in favor, parents spoke about their objection to busing far distances, there was vocal objection to the working group assembled by WXY not having any Jewish representation, there was an issue regarding the definition of "diversity," lots of media was present, majority of parents opposed if it meant de-zoning or busing. The parent encouraged everybody to do their

own research about D15 and UWS, being informed and involved and to attend the 4 parent workshops. The speaker proposed putting honor programs in all middle schools in D28.

Treasurer's Report - Edward Suh

- December 2019
 - Opening balance: \$46,372.54
 - Income: matching corporate donations \$2,475.40; Lil Shoppers \$4,580.50, Annual appeal contributions \$425
 - Expenses: Lil Shoppers costs \$3,597.40, miscellaneous expenses \$230.28
 - Ending balance: \$50,025.76

Total annual appeal raised: \$47,314.19
(including corporate donations/match)

Met with Principal Leto 2 days ago and filed the required "Interim PA Financial Report" form regarding the PTA's financial activity.

A parent suggested that the PTA send a reminder about the annual appeal because many may have forgotten.

SLT Updates - Stacey Shick Samuels

Meeting held on 1/8/2020.

The school needs to hire 11 positions for the expansion: 2 pre-k, 2 paras, 2 1st grade, 1 4th grade, 1 5th grade, 1 school aide, 1-2 cluster teachers - art and music, spec ed for ICT

Construction update - the breezeway is not finished yet. They discovered pipelines that need to be moved. It may possibly open in early February. In the meantime, staff (teachers/nurse) have keys to access the back door until breezeway is done.

Once the breezeway is finished, we can get the yard back.

Physical education mandate is 120 minutes per week.

There is no art with Ms. Steward for 4th graders. They are trying to arrange a Broadway trip and a media club to make a documentary.

Wingspan: Michele Molfetta contacted Wingspan since a few 3rd and 4th graders were

waitlisted for the spring semester. Wingspan said they will have spots and will fix the issue. There will be a meeting with Wingspan in February to discuss plans for the next school year.

Lauren from Wingspan was hired as a part-time aide at school, so she will be around during the day.

AEA was honored as a Lab school. Others may visit to learn from our example.

Old Business

New Business

- Amending the PTA bylaws.
 1. It will take multiple meetings for the amendment process. Possible amendments include: changing the amount of dues, changing the meeting times, add a Vice President position or co-positions for each position, adding a signatory, changing Executive Board meeting times, defining what is an emergency expenditure, etc.
 2. The global PTA recommendations recommend forming a committee to make recommendations. This is not part of AEA's current bylaws.
 3. This process will happen simultaneously with the election process. At the February meeting a bylaw committee and a nominating committee can be formed and the process can happen at the March, April and May meetings.
 4. Parents are encouraged to review the bylaws and propose amendments.

- Announcements
 1. Next PTA meeting 2/13/20
 2. Simone: In light of current antisemitism attacks, let's talk to our kids and watch out for each other.
 3. Sheryl: Rally against antisemitism on Sunday 1/12 at noon in MacDonald Park.
 4. No school on MLK Jr. day, 2/20
 5. On Stage with Ms. Leto 2/4 at 8:30am
 6. SLT on 2/5 at 7:30am
 7. CEC on 2/6 at 6:30pm
 8. Raffle winner - Sheryl Hirshon won 4 passes to Little Bear Play Cafe.

Adjournment on time at 8pm