



**PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2020**

Call to order at 7pm

Three Executive Board Members and about 30 in attendance.
Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

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

- Virtual PTA meetings were approved, but we still need to find out if we can do elections virtually. Due to COVID-19, the current PTA Board has been extended until October; however, Edward Suh will not be able to continue past the end of June.
- Still taking nominations for PTA positions for next year. Elections will be held in October.
- D28 Diversity Process is on hold.
- DOE approved Zoom with added security. It is “over-fixed” now. Parents would need DOE school email addresses to use it.
- Simone’s slide show presentation can be found [here](#).
- Mentimeter poll conducted. Parents were asked to pick a word to describe themselves. “Exhausted” won.
- A “talking circle” was held with interested parents.
- What can we do for our community? Family trivia night? Sharing talents (but NOT a talent show)? Playing charades on Zoom? A parent meeting on Zoom with breakout rooms for smaller discussions? Mentimeter poll showed that trivia night was the winner.

Treasurer's Report - Elaine Lee-Wong (Treasurer Edward Suh was absent)

- April 2020
 - Opening balance: \$52,276.36
 - Income: NONE
 - Expenses: NONE
 - Ending balance: \$52,276.36

- No activity since last PTA meeting since schools are closed
- PTA needs to meet with Mrs. Leto to discuss the budget needs for next year.
- Upcoming payments to be made: insurance, website hosting, planners, enrichment programs (92Y, Raz Kids, etc. - price will be affected by the expansion)
- Question about the Scholastic book fair: flyers with teacher codes will be sent home shortly so you can order on the website and have it shipped directly home and the teacher still gets bonus points.
- Question about Go Math: not sure if PTA is allowed to purchase Go Math under PTA rules. The PTA is under the assumption that PTA's cannot pay for DOE materials, only enrichment. Needs to be discussed with Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda
- Ms. Stewart is the PTA's biggest expense. We will still need her even if there is a full-time art teacher.
- Fundraisers may need to be reevaluated going forward in light of COVID-19. Could a bake sale even work with social distancing guidelines?

School Leadership Team Report - Maria Scoloveno

- SLT meeting held on 5/6/2020
- See On Stage notes from 5/6/20 for SLT recap.
- DOE is victim of severe budget cuts. They do not affect preK. 303 is lean and does not have to worry about excessing teachers. 4th and 5th grade teachers have already been hired. No additional hires due to hiring freeze unless they already work for the DOE. 303 needs a school aide - due to hiring freeze, cannot hire selected candidates from Wingspan. Now 303 needs to go through open market.
- Construction had stopped due to PAUSE. Once it is allowed to proceed, it will take at least 3-4 months to complete.
- One SLT position is open for next year. Still taking nominations.
- Not sure if SLT extended to October like the PTA.
- 1st Day School Supplies won't be shipped to school due to COVID-19, but will be shipped home. No choices of boy/girl boxes - just one box. A portion of the proceeds is a fundraiser for the PTA. Box will include hard to get cleaning supplies. Link to follow shortly. Deadline is July 1st.
- Next SLT meeting is 6/3/20 at 7:30am. Email Mrs. Gallo if you wish to be a spectator at the meeting.

New Business

- Wingspan after school program. While it is not a PTA matter, it does affect many PTA members. The ECC building is not complete and needs at least 4 more months of construction. Principal Leto needs the new building space for other matters (dance troupe, school productions) and does not have room for Wingspan. Lots of uncertainty about what school will look like in September and whether the DOE will even allow afterschool. We just don't know. But right now it looks like there is no space in either building for Wingspan or any other vendor. Basically, do not count on it being there. Look at all of your options.

Announcements

- Next PTA meeting is scheduled for 6/11/20 at 7pm via Zoom. Looking into the possibility of having a separate meeting for new 303 parents.

Adjournment time at 8:12pm.