



## **PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 11, 2020**

### **Call to order at 7pm**

Four Executive Board Members and about 103 in attendance.  
Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

- Welcome to current parents and incoming Pre-K & Kindergarten Parents
- Executive Board introduced
- Explanation of what the PTA is and what the board members and parent members do
- PTA meeting rules explained
- Mentimeter poll conducted: parents feel uncertain, nervous, anxious, excited, apprehensive.

### **Motion to approve the minutes from the May 2020 meeting - Sheryl Hirshon**

- Vote taken in Zoom chat sidebar - motion carries

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

- Some of the big fundraisers<sup>1</sup> of the year were bake sales (generating \$1,800) and Stomping Ground photos (\$1,400). We also did two Restaurant Nights Out (\$300) and an Usborne Book Fair (earning \$1,700 worth of books). Check the past minutes for details.
- PTA has funded in the past the Go Math workbooks, an Art Residency (Ms. Stewart), music program with the 92nd Street Y and Walkie Talkies for the school (funded, but not yet received).
- Biggest part of fundraising is the Annual Appeal. Thank you to all the parents for contributing to the Annual Appeal. Tax receipts are available.
- Thank you to all of our parents for this year - for volunteering, fundraising and attending meetings.
- Future of PTA? We will need more board members/committees. Need to figure out more virtual fundraisers vs. in person. Not sure how picture day will work. Unknown if PTA meetings will be virtual or on school grounds. Significant DOE budget cuts will affect everything.
- Virtual Public Meetings (CEC/PC/Townhall): Simone has attended all of the meetings and keeps parents notified about them. All are open to the public. For a recap of the last CEC

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<sup>1</sup> While we didn't remember to mention the two biggest fundraisers in this meeting, we would like to acknowledge here with the Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser led by Rebekah Pokart-Cabonargi (generating \$4499) and Miss Chocolate Fundraiser (\$2522.80).

meeting and President's Council meeting, see Simone's [Powerpoint presentation](#).

- FACE Update on PTA rules in light of COVID-19 - how to hold a meeting virtually, how to vote and make decisions, how to hold elections.

### **Treasurer's Report - Edward Suh/Elaine Lee-Wong**

- May 2020
  - Opening balance: \$52,276.36
  - Income: \$76.58 (Amazon Smile)
  - Expenses: NONE
  - Ending balance: \$52,352.94
- 2020/2021 PTA Proposed Budget -
  - GoMath - \$16,000.00 (Estimate for K-5th)
  - Art/Ms Stewart - \$20,000.00 (not sure if outside teaching vendor/programs will be allowed in the fall)
  - Raz Kids - after talking with administration and teachers, Raz Kids will be for K, 1st and possibly 2nd grade. 3rd thru 5th will not be using Raz Kids. Researching other options for the upper grades. (MyOn/Epic/etc.)
  - 92nd Street Y - On hold, same reason as Art/Ms Stewart

If parents have any proposals on items we want for school, please email the PTA to let us know.

### **School Leadership Team Report - Stacey Shick Samuels**

- Explained what the SLT is - 5 parents plus teachers plus PTA President(s) plus School Administration. They create the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) for the school.
- New SLT email address: [303slt@gmail.com](mailto:303slt@gmail.com).
- Last meeting was on 6/3/20.
- There is no school budget yet, but there is a hiring freeze and there will be cuts. Lots of uncertainty regarding opening and the 4 months remaining of construction.
- 6/26 is the last day of school. Report cards will be available on My Schools on 6/27. <https://mystudent.nyc/>
- CEP goals will be tweaked based on lessons learned from remote learning.
- Art teacher being hired will rotate classes, but art is a school priority.
- Social-emotional curriculum is a big priority due to COVID-19 and the protests. School is expanding its K-1 racially-conscious literature collection.
- Physical activity is unknown for the fall.
- 5th grade teacher (new) will meet kids in the fall, possibly August.
- Principal Leto prefers Go Math and asks if the PTA can fund it. DOE switches math programs frequently and Go Math provides consistency for teachers and students.
- Wingspan: not sure if DOE will allow outside vendors. If they do, Wingspan will be allowed, but limited to classroom space. The big spaces are being used by the school.
  - PTA Secretary Sheryl Levine Hirshon urged parents to seek out other after school

options. Too much uncertainty about Wingspan. Don't count on them. Hopefully, it will work out, but just in case, keep your options open.

### **Old Business**

- 1st Day School Supplies: 52 kits sold already. Not mandatory, but a fundraiser for the school. Will ship to home, not school, due to COVID. Deadline is July 1st.
- Nominations for PTA/SLT positions: All PTA positions open and 1 SLT position open; current PTA board volunteered to extend until October 31st except for Ed who is unable to continue due to work commitments. Election will take place in October. Please email the PTA if you are interested.
- Miss Chocolate Easter/Passover Sale (Profit for PTA \$2,522.80)

### **New Business**

- Voting
  - Motion to authorize the PTA to purchase Go Math Books for grades K through 5th for up to \$20,000 - vote taken in the Zoom chat sidebar. Motion carries.
  - Motion to authorize the PTA to purchase two \$200 gift cards to give as retirement presents for Ms Maria & Ms Weissbach (total of \$400) - vote taken in the Zoom chat sidebar. Motion carries.
- AEA Family Trivia - fun time
- Keep in touch with PTA through the summer (Facebook posts, planning for September, planning for fundraisers)

### **Parent Coordinator - Jainnie Hackman**

- Orientation for new families will be held during the summer; class assignments in September; teacher requests will not be considered; all IEP and ELL questions to be directed to Jainnie; will hold monthly meeting for parents during the summer; sending out a form to collect summer email addresses for announcements; best way to contact her is via email and she will answer within 24-48 hours.

### **Announcements**

- Announcements - Enjoy Summer Break! See you in September! Make sure to stay connected with AEA's website and emails.

**Adjournment time at 8:45pm.**