



PTA OF AEA
PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 8, 2021

Call to order at 7:03pm - Shirley Chun

5 Executive Board Members and 42 members in attendance.

Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

- Roll Call
- Community Guidelines reviewed

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 2020 meeting - Onome Atie-Egone

- Motion carries for approval of Thursday, March 11th meeting minutes

Teacher's Corner - Meet AEA First Grade Teachers (Sferrazza, Nabavian, Alfonsin & Danisi)

- Ms. Sferrazza:
 - Teaches ICT class with Mrs. Nabavian
 - Full remote teacher this year
 - Three 1st grade classes (instead of 4) due to funding
- Mrs. Nabavian:
 - 1st grade special ED teacher - Partner with Ms. Sferrazza
 - 5 years @ AEA
 - The expectation is when they finish Kindergarten is that they are reading at a level D and numbers up to 20
- Mrs. Alfonsin:
 - 14 year teaching; 1st year at AEA
 - Taught 3rd grade in Silverspring Maryland; 10 years in Harlem
 - 2 children: 1 in 2nd grade & 1 in Kindergarten
- Ms. Danisi:
 - 6 year teaching; taught in Bronx and Queens
 - 1st year at AEA

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

- PTA Ongoings/Business
 - PTA & AEA - **Elaine**
 - Read-A-Thon
 - Raised about \$12,000
 - 73,000 minutes read
 - 1st grade classes had the most participation
 - 1st Day School Supplies

- Vendor for school supplies
 - Launched March 29th until July 1st (this is a voluntary event and fundraiser for the PTA)
 - Teachers have updated the school list (also available for parents to purchase if not using vendor)
 - Ships to your home
- Kindergarten offers - notices have started going today (4/8) out via myschool account
- Picture Day - Outdoors (social distance)
 - Teachers have sent emails
 - Different options
 - Remote session with Stomping Ground
 - School grounds - different days
 - Students will be able to take off mask
 - Class photos will be a composite (head shots side by side)
- Updates from CEC- **Simone**
 - Crossing Guards-
 - working with Community Board 6 (CB6) and a request was made for a school crossing guard from 112th precinct.
 - CB 6 and 112th precinct will be coming to tour our school on 4/13 (Alexa, a mom in our community is the CB6 chair).
 - A request for speed bumps also made
 - No budget or training for school guards due to pandemic
 - Precinct also transferring recruitment of crossing guards to DOE
 - School guards might take a couple of months to get but we are pleased with the progress
 - A copy of the letter has been given to Mrs. Leto
 - 3K coming to D28 - 225 seats starting in september
 - 6 hours 20 minutes
 - 15 students with 1 teacher and 1 Para
 - Application period open until 5/28/21
 - No 3K @ AEA
 - New [resolution](#) passed @ the CEC
 - Passed a resolution opposing anti-Asian violence
 - Requesting more education on racism
 - Sponsors were Ted Chang, Vijah Ramjattan and Rajwinder Kaur
 - NYS passed a budget that will be beneficial to NYC public schools

Treasurer's Report - Rohit Misra

- March 2021
 - Opening balance: \$67,487.25
 - Income: \$1,749.00 (Miss Chocolate Fundraiser)
 - Expenses: \$400.00 (Reimbursement for teacher's lunch)
 - Ending balance: \$68,836.25
 - Money raised by PTA is used to fund enrichment programs (did not have any this year due to pandemic)

School Leadership Team (SLT) Report - Vincent Roulot

- Meeting held 4/6
- CASA grant - after school music class 3rd and 4th grade - 2x a week 3:30 -430p.m. - starts 4/13
 - Councilwoman Koslowitz will be invited to attend school performance virtually
- NYS testing - (optional)
 - will be in school
 - dates not finalized
 - shortened version
 - remote students need to opt in to plan for spacing
 - blended students not taking test still need to come to school on test days (not a day off)
- Blended learning opt in ends 4/9
- Elections for PT and SLT seats coming soon
- PTA expense planning - Mrs. Leto will get back to us
- School received \$50,000 technology grant from councilwoman Koslowitz- no specifics at this time
- AEA news episode
- 5th grade graduation - details soon to come

Old Business -

- Nomination Committee (Marina Zakry, Michelle Alarcon & Kiki Blazeovski)
 - Elections will be held 5/20/21 during PTA meeting
 - Candidates PTA:
 - President: Stacey Schick Samuels
 - Vice President: Michele Molfetta
 - Treasurer: Vincent Roulot & Irina Tamayeva
 - Secretary: Louise Verga
 - Candidates SLT:
 - Vartges Saroyan
 - Geraldine Chadenat

- Elaine Lee-Wong
 - Paula Goldfarb
 - Floor opened for nomination(s): none
- Bylaws Committee (Stacey Shick Samuels, Courtnei Davis, Vincent Roulot & Crystie Wei)
 - Google form shared with members listing out all the amendments with ability to vote. See results:
 - Change name to Parent Association versus staying as a Parent Teacher Association - 34 responses (Staying a PTA)
 - 91.2% No
 - 8.8% Yes
 - 0% Abstain
 - Welcome letter to inform parents of their automatic membership and voting right beginning of each school year - 34 responses
 - 100% Yes
 - Additional paragraph: grandparents, non-custodial family members and child caretakers who do not meet the definition of parents are welcome to participate in activities, but not eligible to vote, run for office or chair committees - 34 responses
 - 82.4% yes
 - 17.6% no
 - 0% abstain
 - Dues/donations: 34 responses (dues removed from bylaws)
 - Keep dues as is (\$25) - 20.6%
 - Lower dues to \$20 - 23.5%
 - Remove dues from bylaws - 47.1%
 - Abstain - 8.8%
 - Officers:
 - Removing "corresponding" and adding "communications" secretary, removing "parliamentarian and Sargent at Arms" - 34 responses
 - 94.1% yes
 - 0% no
 - 5.9% abstain
 - Adding - candidates may choose to run individually or as co-officers - 34 responses
 - 97.1% yes
 - 2.9% no

- 0% abstain
 - All offices are voluntarily, unpaid positions - 34 responses
 - 97.1% yes
 - 2.9% no
 - 0% abstain
- Duties of officers: 34 responses
 - Paragraph 1: adding co-presidents, co-secretaries and co-treasurers - 34 responses
 - 97.1% yes
 - 2.9% no
 - 0% abstain
 - 2: Adding "F" to recording secretary duties: prepare updates for the website and any social media accounts for the association
 - 97.1% yes
 - 2.9% no
 - 0% abstain
 - adding to "A" of treasurer duties "including any bank or electronic accounts, such as PayPal"
 - 100% yes
 - B: remove (executive board meetings): "on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm . . . Adding: " at a time and place to be announced to membership in the welcome letter to all parents and at the first general membership meeting. Any changes to the executive board meetings schedule shall be announced to the membership 10 days before the scheduled meeting."
 - 97.1% yes
 - 0% no
 - 2.9% abstain
 - Signatories section: To be in compliance with the A-660: Adding "or Co-presidents," or "co-treasurers" and " a third officer" shall be authorized if necessary to ensure the association has three signatories - 34 responses
 - 94.1% yes
 - No
 - Abstain
 - Article VIII - Financial affairs, C Budget : Removing "2" adding "one" (Association funds must be taken to the bank by at least 2 one authorized members).

- 91.2% yes
- 8.8% no
- 0% abstain

New Business

- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - 5/3 -5/7 - week long event
 - Holiday collection had leftover money -\$325 - for lunch for teachers
 - Goodie bags via sign up genius (list of items for donations)
 - Kids involvement - electronic and/or paper
 - Open to more ideas - please share
 - 5/7 - school lunch hero day - 3 school lunch staff. We are going to show some appreciation to that team.
- Aigner Chocolate Fundraiser
 - Week of April 26th
 - Local chocolate store on Metropolitan
 - Golden ticket chocolate bar fundraiser - a golden ticket will be sold in a chocolate bar each day of the week, whoever gets it for the day wins a prize that supports a local business
- Q&A/comments:
 - COVID Vaccine Available @ York College on liberty Avenue

Announcements - Shirley

- Tuesday, April 20th & 27th - Picture Day
- Thursday, April 22 & Friday, April 23 - Candidates Forums for CEC Elections
- Monday, April 26th - Aigner Chocolate Fundraiser
- Tuesday, April 27th - Racial Equity Committee Meeting at 7pm
- Wednesday, May 5th - SLT
- Thursday, May 6th - D28 CEC Monthly Meeting
- Thursday, May 13 - Eid Al-Fitr - No School
- Thursday, May 20th - PTA May Meeting/PTA & SLT ELECTIONS

Adjournment time at 8:47 pm