

PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 20, 2021

Call to order at 7:05pm - Shirley Chun

5 Executive Board Members and 54 members in attendance.

Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

- Roll Call
- Community Guidelines reviewed

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

- Motion carries for approval of Thursday, April 8th meeting minutes

Teacher's Corner - Meet AEA Fifth Grade Teacher (Mrs. Hilton)

- Teaches 5th Grade -1st year at AEA
- 9th year teaching - 1st year teaching 5th grade
- Reading - synthesizing across text and their own experiences
- Math - conversion units
- Writing - focus: elaboration and craft
- Every experience is used as a learning opportunity

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

- PTA Ongoings/Business
 - PTA & AEA - **Elaine**
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - It was a huge success. Thanks to everyone for participating. Pictures shared on Facebook and PTA newsletter
 - May 4th Safety Committee Meeting - reviewed standard safety protocol reviewed
 - Clothing policy - review AEA handbook
 - Lockdown shade all installed - hands on training done for teachers
 - Fire and lockdown drills - 3-4 drills left for the year
 - Plans to update all the evacuation routes
 - Stomping Ground Photos Picture Day
 - All in person pictures available for purchase on website
 - Class composite will be ready later for purchase
 - Please email PTA with any concerns

- 1st Day school Supply
 - Last day to order is 7/1/21
 - Supplies will be mailed home - they can't be delivered to the school as no one is available on school premises to accept the packages. You need a school administrator on site to receive packages. Last year our parent coordinator and parents received packages.
- Photo Release
 - School administration cannot release pictures and videos without the photo release consent. Please fill out and submit ASAP if you have not done so already.
- Updates from CEC- **Simone**
 - School Survey -
 - <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/reports/school-quality/nyc-school-survey>
 - complete one per child
 - Takes 5 minutes to complete
 - When logging in, families will be asked for a survey access code. This code is your child's OSIS number. Families will enter "f" followed by their child's nine-digit Student Identification (OSIS) Number to access the survey. Note that "f" must be lowercase. An example of how this will be entered would be: f123456789. A student's OSIS number can be found on their report card or in the family's NYCSA account.
 - Community Education Council-
 - CEC Elections
 - elections results still pending
 - Participation low (esp. in the southern part of our district)
 - Bylaws amended available on their website
<http://cecd28.org/index.html>
 - On their website they also have presentations Special Ed meditation and gambling addictions
 - Presentation done on school budget
https://www.nycenet.edu/offices/finance_schools/budget/DSBPO/allocation_memo/fy20_21/FY21_docs/FY2022_FSF_CEC_Deck_English.pdf
 - 2021 Chancellor Spring Forums
 - Conversation with new Chancellor Meisha Porter in Queens, Thursday 5/27 6:30-8pm. Register here: <https://learndoe.org/chancellor/>

Treasurer's Report - Rohit Misra

- April 2021
 - Opening balance: \$68,836.25
 - Income: \$12,361,60 (Read-A-Thon)
 - Expenses: \$880.00 (School Mate Planners & Tax Filing)
 - Tax filing: excess of \$50,000 income needs 990 EZ form - we used an accountant. Cost- \$250.
 - Motion carries for approval of \$250 emergency funds for tax filing
 - Ending balance: \$80,317.85
- **Proposed** 2021/2022 PTA/AEA Budget
 - Outgoing board needs to propose a budget - it does not mean it is finalized for next year.
 - Proposed projected numbers compared to previous 3 years
 - Budget review done during this meeting so any adjustments can be made before last meeting in June (also new parents are invited to the June meeting and since they are not yet in the school, they cannot vote and it will be hard to manage virtually)

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	FY21-22 (Projected)
PTA Insurance (requirement to maintain)	\$800.00
Domain Name Registration/Hosting (annual fee)	\$200.00
Babysitting	\$400.00
PTA Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
GoMath (K-5th grade students)	\$13,048.25
Visual Arts Residency	\$20,800.00
Razz Kids (K-2nd grade)	\$1,200.00
Fieldtrip/Enrichment (92nd Street Y)	\$8,400.00
Student Planners (2022/2023 year)	\$700.00
Enrichment Programs (TBD)	\$10,000.00
Teacher's Appreciation/Teacher Lunches	\$2,000.00
Nurse Supplies/PPE/Covid Supplies	\$2,000.00
Walkie Talkies	X
Multimedia Equipment	X
Education Supplies (Singapore Math)	X
Technology Supplies	X
Playground/Exercise Equipment/Recess	X

	\$60,548.25
ANTICIPATED REVENUE	FY21-22 (Projected)
*Annual Appeal (@ \$303/per family)	\$50,000.00
PTA Dues	X
Corporate Donation	\$3,000.00
Amazon Smile	\$500.00
1st Day School Supplies	\$1,000.00
Stomping Grounds Photo	\$1,000.00
Raffle Baskets during PTA Meetings	X
Bake Sales	\$1,000.00
Spirit Items	\$200.00
Box Tops	X
Miss Chocolate	\$2,000.00
Boon Supplies (Mix Bag)	\$1,000.00
Lil Shoppers Shoppe	X
Oliver's Labels	\$100.00
Restaurant Fundraisers	\$500.00
Thanksgiving Pie Sale	X
Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser	\$5,000.00
Read-A-Thon	\$10,000.00
Usborne Book Fair	X
Scholastic Book Fair	
Mask Chain Fundraiser	X
Aigner Chocolate Fundraiser	\$300.00
	\$75,600.00
	*Annual Appeal - 50% participation projection

- Q&A on proposed budget:
 - What is 92Y ? Is it open to all students?
 - It is a music based program held during school hours which includes 4 units (over 20 weeks) and field trips. Teaching artist comes to the classroom and goes on a field trip to support what is being taught. Classes picked are based on the curriculum offered by 92Y.

- Ms. Stewart from the anticipated expenses portion - can it be changed to artist in residency program as we cannot anticipate the needs for the upcoming school year (this was changed after discussion as a membership)
 - Go Math - has the teacher looked into the DOE offered curriculum? Envision is not as good as Go Math (one of our PTA-Members, a DOE teacher, agrees that Go Math is better). Also, DOE switches curriculum every 3-4 years.
 - Motion carries to approve proposed budget
- Go Math 2021/2022 School Year
 - Quote for next year's GO Math (K- 5th grade) - \$13,048.25
 - Includes online access (Think Central)
 - Motion carries to approve \$13,048.25 for Go Math books for K-5th grade

School Leadership Team (SLT) Report - Michele Molfetta

- Meeting held 5/5
- NYS testing
 - ELA - 5/6
 - Math - later on in May
 - Science in June (4th grade only)
- Fulltime in person - Cohort C
 - Phased reentry - Pre-K & Kindergarten 1st group, followed by 1st grade the following week
 - Thanks to everyone that help make this transition successful
- NY POPS
 - Virtual 4 weeks program with Mr. Kevin - select class (2nd grade in person - starting June 25th)
- Juneteenth
 - Administration, teachers and racial equity group are hosting a week long program
- Also more culturally responsive units will be incorporated into next years curriculum
 - So our students see themselves reflected in the material (books, lesson, conversations)
- Parent Coordinator
 - Search is ongoing for a parent coordinator
- DOE summer program - Summer Rising
 - <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/summer>
 - Location: P.S. 175
 - You have to enroll in the fulltime program (8am - 6pm)
 - 1st half is academics; 2nd half is enrichment
 - Our teachers and administration are not involved in the program

Racial Equity Committee - Rachael Jimmink

303racialequity@gmail.com

- Juneteenth - Week of June 14th
 - Please reach out with your input or if you would like to volunteer
- Family Workshop - Pride
 - June 3rd 4pm

New Business

- Elections - in accordance to DOE and FACE guidelines - **Marina Zakry, Michelle Alarcon, Kiki Blazeovski**
 - PTA Candidate Introductions (see attachment with brief introductions):
 - President - Stacey Shick Samuels
 - Vice president - Michele Molfetta
 - Co-Treasurer - Vincent Roulot & Irina Tamayeva
 - Recording Secretary - Louise Verga
 - Floor opened for nominations for all seats above - no floor nominations. All positions uncontested. Motion carried for all positions above.
 - Welcome to our new 2021-2022 **PTA Executive Board!**
 - SLT Position introductions (see attachment with brief introductions):
 - Geraldine Chadenat
 - Elaine Lee-Wong
 - Vartges Saroyan
 - Paula Goldfarb
 - Floor opened for nominations for the 4 open seats - no floor nominations. All positions uncontested. Motion carried for all positions above.
 - Welcome to our new **SLT Members** (for a two-year term)!
 - Thank you to our current SLT members that are completing their term(s)
 - Michele Molfetta
 - Vincent Roulot
 - Maria Scoloveno
 - Stacey Shick Samuels
 - Open discussion/Q&A
 - PTA Family Event - family movie night to kick off production season at AEA. Look out for more information

Announcements - Shirley

- Monday, May 25th - AEA Bake Sale (fundraiser for 5th grade graduation)
- Monday, May 31st - Memorial Day - No School

- Wednesday, June 2nd - SLT
- Thursday, June 3rd - D28 CEC Monthly Meeting
- Thursday, June 3rd - Anniversary Day - All students not in attendance
- Tuesday, June 8th - Clerical Day - All students not in attendance
- Thursday, June 10th - PTA June Meeting
- Friday, June 25th - Last Day Of School

Adjournment time at 8:38 pm



MEET THE PTA BOARD CANDIDATES

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ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 20, 7:00PM



President Candidate: Stacey Shick Samuels *For the past four years it has been my pleasure to serve this school community in several roles, including as PTA secretary and SLT member. Now I'm asking for the honor of serving you as PTA president. My goal for 2021-22 is simple: to bring our community closer together. This past year has been difficult in so many ways; some of our members have never even been inside the school. It's been hard to feel as connected as our school has been in the past. As this health crisis (hopefully) eases, I want everyone to feel welcome and involved in AEA. With my daughter entering fifth grade in the fall and my son entering kindergarten, I know where the school has been and have a stake in a stronger tomorrow.*



Vice President Candidate: Michele Molfetta *My boys are currently in 4th and 2nd grades. Although I have been an active member of the AEA community since 2015, for the past four years I've held an elected position with the School Leadership Team ("SLT"). In that role, I advocated for the school community while fostering a mutually respectful working relationship with the school administration. Now, I am ready to switch gears a bit and take what I have learned from the SLT coupled with what I have observed over the years as our school has evolved and grown to the PTA. I am seeking to be elected as the 2021-2022 PTA Vice President and I am asking for your support. Our school community is strong, but over the past year plus it has been tested in ways we previously could have never imagined and the seemingly ongoing challenges have taken their toll. I see the next school year as a time to rebuild, repair, and reengage. To that end, as a PTA Board Member, I will seek to strengthen our school community by developing opportunities that will hopefully result in families feeling connected, engaged, and involved. Although it is cliché, I truly believe that we are stronger together. I am excited to see what our creative, unique, and resourceful AEA community will be able to accomplish. Our children benefit from a strong and active PTA. Let's do this!*



Secretary Candidate: Louise Verga *Hello Everyone! I have two daughters, one currently in 1st grade and my youngest will be starting Kindergarten in September. I am a working Mom, originally from the UK, our family moved to the Forest Hills 5 years ago and PS303 was a big part of the reason we chose to come here. I served on my COOP building board over the last 4 years in various roles, including both Secretary and President, so am aware of the hard work and challenges board work often presents. I have always thought it is important to get involved in your local community; as a new parent to the school in 2019-20 the pandemic, along with so many other challenges, made it harder for new parents to get to know one another and actively participate in the school community. I am excited at the prospect of working with the PTA board to find new ways to engage the growing parent community and assist the administration in whatever ways we can to provide students and staff with additional resources to help make the upcoming year a success for all!*

Treasurer Candidate: Vincent Roulot (no statement provided)



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SLT Candidate: Geraldine Chadenat *I am the proud mother to Henry who is in the 1st grade. This is year 2 of being part of the wonderful AEA community. Ever since Henry started at AEA this PTA board and members of the SLT have provided a very warm, open and collaborative environment. As a parent in this community, I enjoy participating and being involved with various school activities. I proactively attend PTA meetings and attended several SLT meetings as a silent participant. I am very honored and humbled to be nominated for a seat on the SLT. My "why" for being part of the SLT: As an SLT member, my intention is to work closely with school administration, teachers and other SLT parents to ensure a continuation of the high quality education our children receive. In addition, I would like to be an accessible connector and partner to all parents for their questions and concerns to bring it back to the SLT. I believe in continuing the legacy of open communication and building the AEA community further. Getting to know me: I was born and raised in Queens and my husband is from France. I am a full-time Marketing Director in the Beauty Industry and am also a part-time MS student at Baruch College. I am multi-faceted and excel in Project Management and creative ideas.*



SLT Candidate: Elaine Lee-Wong *Hi! My daughter is currently in second grade as a remote learner. I am currently the PTA co-president and have been an active member of the school community for 4 years. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve our community as a PTA parent leader and would be honored to serve on the School Leadership Team for the upcoming 2 years. AEA is a special tight knit community and I want to continue being an advocate for all families and make sure that we pursue the very best for our children's education while working with administration and teachers.*



SLT Candidate: Vartges William Saroyan, Esq. *Hello, PS 303 families! I am the proud dad of two 303 boys – one in 1st grade and 3rd grade. I am passionate about our lovely school. I served on the SLT from 2018 to 2020, and I look forward to rejoining the SLT. March 2020 brought with it outsized concerns, including about school funding and family finances. During this precarious year, I was so glad to help save our school over \$12,000. The PTA saved about \$7,000 by negotiating with the publisher of ThinkCentral for complimentary access as part of our ongoing subscription. During the 2020 holidays, a team of dedicated parents took the PTA's annual teacher-and-staff collection virtual, raising over \$5,000 in less than two weeks! Despite the challenges of the pandemic, 303 and its PTA are as financially sound as ever. My professional experience has helped me produce these results: I am a licensed attorney who runs a real estate brokerage. I enjoy bringing my legal and business skills to the table, to benefit our kids, teachers and staff. I also maintain a robust pro bono practice, and I take pride in giving back to our community. Aside from having served on SLT, I also continue to assist 303's remote-learning families as a Parent Tech Support team member. Ultimately, I help get things done by maintaining a positive attitude, planning a sound strategy, partnering with colleagues, and doing the work! Thank you for the opportunity to rejoin the SLT.*

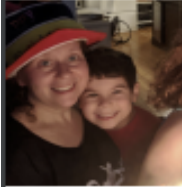


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SLT Candidate: Paula Goldfarb *Paula is the proud mom of Jacob (K), Anna (4th), and Charlie (8th, 303 alum!). She previously served on the SLT from 2013-2015 and she is passionate about education and academics having worked at educational institutions for her entire career. Paula is the Senior Associate Dean at NYU's Stern School of Business, earned her doctorate, and now teaches graduate classes at NYU's School of Education. She is excited about the opportunity to return to the SLT at this dynamic time, represent the parent community, and help make an impact on a school that she cares deeply about.*

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