



PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 10, 2021

Call to order at 7:03pm - Shirley Chun

5 Executive Board Members and 56 members in attendance.

Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

- Roll Call
- Community Guidelines reviewed

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

- Motion carries for approval of Thursday, May 20th meeting minutes

Teacher's Corner - Meet AEA Kindergarten Teachers (Garger, Adrian, Kinane, Amper & Rodriguez)

- Ms. Garger: 6th year @ AEA
- Ms. Amper: 2nd year @ AEA
- Mr. Kinane: 2nd year teaching K @ AEA
- Mrs. Adrian: 1st year teaching @ AEA
- Ms. Rodriguez: 2nd year @ AEA
- Kindergarten Curriculum
 - Foundation of their education
 - Phonics - Wilson Foundations program
 - Reading - blending and decoding, retelling and comparing stories (fiction and nonfiction)
 - Writing - conventions of writing, personal writing (weekend news)
 - Math - Go Math - addition and subtraction (within 10), skip counting, time, money, measurement
 - Social studies/economics - community, family, maps, goods and services, wants/needs, money
 - Science - scientific method, life cycle, five senses, STEAM projects
 - FUN stuff - learning while playing

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

- PTA Ongoings/Business
 - PTA & AEA - **Elaine**
 - Stomping Ground Update
 - Picture day is also a fundraiser for the PTA - last day to participate in the fundraiser is 6/17/21. If you purchase by this date it will count toward the fundraisers
 - Class Composite are ready for purchase
 - Any questions about pictures, please email the PTA
 - Picture Day Survey: Please fill the survey to let the next board know if we would like to use Stomping Ground for next year's picture day.
<https://forms.gle/L5GX3KkYC3z3xdqFA>

- 1st Day School Supplies
 - Last day to order is 7/1/2021. Orders ship to home. This is also a fundraiser
 - If you choose not to use this vendor, please make sure you order school supplies for the upcoming year. Teachers will be sending the supply list.
- Mask Mandates - Mask mandate for DOE has not been lifted. All students and teachers are required to wear a mask. This will continue into the new school year. Any changes will be communicated through the DOE and school administration.
- DOE School Survey
 - Only 86 students have filled out the 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.
- THANK YOUs and Recognition (Elaine & Simone)
 - For all parent leaders for participating and helping during these unprecedented times.
 - All volunteers - e.g. fundraisers, activities, etc.
 - Teachers - for all your hard work, attending PTA, & all your support
 - Sonia Rueda - thanks for your support
 - Nancy Bretsch - collected the most Box Tops for PTA
 - Sheryl Levine Hirshon- Coca Cola Company points - we raised \$28
 - The Carpentier family - top seller for Miss Chocolate & Double Good Popcorn
 - The Brown Family - raised most money for the Read-A-Thon
 - Anna Lee - for making face masks for our community
 - SLT Board - thanks Maria Scoloveno (her child is graduating from our school this year)
 - Marina Zakry - for volunteering every year for the nominating Committee
 - Fatema Akter, Melissa Lugo, Vartges Saroyan, & Barry Ng - for attending every PTA meeting this year
 - Vartges Saroyan - for assisting with the GO Math electronic licensing issue
 - Kiki Blazeovski- (K parent) - thank you for your consistent participation and suggestions (new incoming families we encourage you to come and participate/get involved with the PTA)
 - Thank you everyone for making this year successful (and our new families that attended our PTA meeting - this has been a different year)
- Kona Ice Truck Event Proposal for AEA students/staff
 - 400 student/staff - \$1200.00
 - Motion carries for PTA to fund Kona Ice for the amount of \$1200
- Updates from CEC- **Simone**

- Summer Rising - FACE Liaison contacted for Summer Rising - no new information. P.S. 220 might be taking some students slotted for P.S.175. Plan is to offer seats to everyone who applied but it might not be in the neighborhood. P.S. 175 is AEA host school (your letter pertains to your child and not for the school)
- Remote learning for the school year 2021-2022 - anyone with concerns should please contact the CEC. The more voices raised might help push for a remote option. cec28@schools.nyc.gov, vjcec28@gmail.com
- New parents: stay connected with the CEC they meet every first Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. <https://www.cec28.org/>
- CEC results - CEC results:
 - Well balanced CEC (representatives from all regions of our district)
 - <https://cdn-blob-prd.azureedge.net/prd-pws/docs/default-source/default-document-library/election-results-cec-28-rw.pdf>
- CEC G&T: Please vote on the G&T survey - your opinion is requested (discontinuing G&T) <https://forms.gle/maxGHQcpy7MmYDHj7>
- Go & Vote (Primary elections): absentee voting: <https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting-0> Find my poll: <https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc/> Practice ranked choice voting ballot: <https://www.voting.nyc/how-to-vote/ranked-choice-voting/practice-ballot/>

Treasurer's Report - Rohit Misra

- May 2021
 - Opening balance: \$80,317.85
 - Income: \$733.38 (corporate donations, Amazon Smile, Oliver Labels, and Aigner chocolate fundraiser)
 - Expenses: \$0.00
 - Ending balance: \$81,051.23
- PTA Proposed Budget Form
 - The proposed budget has been finalized based on the last meeting's vote (adjustments/suggestions made based on last month's meeting)
- IRS Letter
 - We received a letter from the IRS related to last years' filing. Letter content includes timing of filing. We are in communication with the IRS to figure out the concerns. The current board will continue to work to resolve this issue and will present (with permission from new board) at our next meeting (we should have more information and a resolution by then).

School Leadership Team (SLT) Report - Vincent Roulot

- Meeting held 6/2
- School full remote for all students 6/22 due to voting
- Pre-K & 5th graduation date to be announced soon
- Next school year - all full time in person with everyone student and teacher wearing masks
- School is still waiting for recommendations from CDC/DOE for lunch in cafeteria
- School is awaiting Comprehension Educational Plan (CEP) template - every year a plan is to be proposed
- School in interviewing music teacher for next year
- Pre-k & K classes expected to be 100% filled (long waitlist)
- Expectation for 1st grade will have 4 classes & 2nd grade 3 or 4 classes (depending on number of students enrolled)

- No after school program on site for the upcoming school year - school to offer own enrichment programs (might not be everyday and for every grade)
- School survey until 6/11- please fill out
- School to offer townhall before school opens
- School to might host a SLT meeting during the summer if needed
- Some teachers will be retiring next year (names of teachers not shared during the meeting)
- Technology grant (\$50,000) was used to buy iPads for the school

Racial Equity Committee - Rachael Jimmink

303racialequity@gmail.com

- Started this year in response to the racial uproar surrounding George Floyd. This group focuses on equity for all. Workshop uses art to teach equity
- Welcome meeting planned for the beginning of the new school year
- Juneteenth - week of June 14th - 18th - the racial equity committee worked together with the school to teach daily activities concerning Juneteenth. Thank you to Mrs. Ugbomah and the teachers for making this happen.

New Business

- Q&A - For Parents
 - We are new parents and we haven't seen the school - is the tour available for us? Yes
 - So is wingspan never coming back? Or is it just for next year? Wingspan is not available in the school for the 2021-2022 school year. (PTA will send a signup sheet for families to get together to plan/propose after school options)
 - Does the PTA meet over the summer? The outgoing PTA board ends June 30th & the incoming board meets July 1st. We don't usually hold meetings over the summer
 - Afterschool and PTA - committee/parent volunteers need to come up with a plan if this is what parents want and the plans need to be vetted by Mrs. Leto. A lot goes into the PTA running (sponsoring) an afterschool program - it has to be sustainable over years.
 - Wingspan return was questionable for this school year by the administration - can we ask Mrs Leto for her plans for afterschool? Last year, the ECC building was under renovations (safety concerns) so that space was limited. In addition, Wingspan had to shut down their pre-k program because they didn't have a license and got ticketed by the DOE
 - Will the new music teacher be for all grades? - A rotation is made to schedule every grade with all speciality (cluster) teachers
- Welcoming our new 2021-2022 PTA Executive Board and SLT
 - PTA Executive Board
 - President - Stacey Shick Samuels
 - Vice President - Michele Molfetta
 - Co-Treasurer - Vincent Roulot & Irina Tamayeva
 - Recording Secretary - Louise Verga
 - 1st meeting is tentatively scheduled (virtually) on Thursday 9/23/21 at 7pm.
 - SLT Members
 - Geraldine Chadenat
 - Elaine Lee-Wong
 - Vartges Saroyan
 - Paula Goldfarb
 - Sheryl Levine Hirshon

- The SLT meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30am and is a public meeting. You can contact Ms. Gallo if you would like to attend. If you have questions, you can reach out to the SLT parents at 303slt@gmail.com

Announcements - Shirley

- Friday, June 25th - Last Day Of School
- Monday, September 13th - First Day Of School
- Thursday, September 23rd - PTA Virtual Meeting *tentative*

Adjournment time at 8:17 pm



for serving with us- *your 2020-2021 PTA Executive Board- Onome, Rohit, Simone, Shirley, & Elaine.*

Each of you made this year a success!



We welcome our new executive board: Stacey Shick Samuels (President), Michele Molfetta (Vice President), Louise Vega (Secretary), Vincent Roulot & Irina Tamayeva (Co- treasurers)