



**PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, Oct 14, 2021**

**Call to order at 7:02pm – Stacey Shick Samuels**

5 Executive Board Members and 96 members in attendance.  
Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

- **New Music Teacher Sam Dole**, Introduction, overview of goals and new music curriculum. Music currently being offered to grades 1-5. Forming brass ensemble for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. He will also be assisting with school productions. Can be reached at sdoleaea@gmail.com

**Motion to approve the minutes from the September 2021 meeting – Louise Verga**

- Motion carries for approval of June Minutes

**Treasurer's Report – Irina Tamayeva**

- September 2021
  - Opening balance: \$67,003.26
  - Income: \$1,658 (Stomping Ground)
  - Ending balance: \$68,661.29

**Voting on PTA Expenses – Stacey Shick Samuels**

- \$126.28 - Ice packs for Nurse Yana
- \$182.88 - PTA website hosting service renewal
- \$644 - PTA insurance renewal
- \$100 or less on Crayons for indoor recess at request of school aide.
- **All above approved, motion carries.**
- Point raised that previous PTA boards had discretion to spend on items of up to \$250 cost without voting as long as fully disclosed to membership. Other members pointed out that this practice is in conflict with the chancellor's regulations and the PTA's bylaws.
- In the interest of efficiency and to avoid delays the current PTA would like to be able to make small necessary purchases (e.g. crayons for recess) with full disclosure to membership without mandating a vote.
- Topic to be researched further; solution will be presented and voted upon at future meeting date.

**Vice President's Report – Michele Molfetta**

- **Harvest Parade** Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> 8:45am – Costumes for students and parents encouraged. Parents can watch from distance. PTA will host bake sale from Kindergarten & Pre-K entrance, chance for parents to mingle. SignUp Genius will go out to donate goods – items will need to be individually wrapped.
- **Teacher Events** Keep an eye out for an email from your child's teacher regarding Curriculum Day / On Stage event – this will not be an open forum, teachers will be presenting on what classes are working on, goals for the year.
- **PHOTO RELEASE FORM – Reminder to return this form so school is able to share photos of events with the parent community! This is more important than ever at a time when parents are not able to attend in-person for class events or school productions.**

## President's Report – Stacey

- **Why we raise money?** – Provided background for new parents on how funds have been allocated historically – e.g. GoMath program, art program for all students before DOE funded Sept 21, Recess equipment, Health and Safety purchases, Enrichment Programs e.g 92<sup>ND</sup> St Y, Staff appreciation.
- **USA Today School Ranking** – AEA among ranked among highest, 4<sup>th</sup> in state for elementary.
- **Picture Day Oct 25th**
  - Stomping Ground back by request of membership.
  - No class photos again, due to Covid restrictions, composites will be created again this year and available at a later date.
  - Photographers will wear masks and be fully vaccinated
  - **December 13<sup>th</sup>** – We hope to offer sibling photos on an opt-in basis, on the same day as the make-up photos for those students who miss the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Summary of upcoming fundraisers events, more on this for November meeting.

## School Leadership Team (SLT) Report – Vartges Saroyan

- Meeting held 10/5 (regular time 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month 7:30am, [303SLT@gmail.com](mailto:303SLT@gmail.com) to ask questions)
  - COVID protocols: mask breaks added; no masks at lunch, students 3ft apart; all visitors to building required to wear mask and show proof of vaccination. Administration awaiting further guidance on mask wearing for outdoor activities. Parents/Caregivers strongly encouraged to wear masks within 4 ft of building.
  - In event of confirmed cases the DOE has a “situation room” -- generic letter goes out schoolwide, additional letter detailing specifics to affected class. At-home tests are not accepted, when a negative test is required to reenter school has to be from private or government provider.
  - Reminder to streamline student entry, have backpacks on and health screening ready.
  - Afterschool clubs for select grades to begin in October – Visual Arts, Music, Dance Troupe, Coding. These will be lottery based when oversubscribed. No rotation planned.
  - Parent Coordinator, Para, School Aide – positions remain open. *ALL* teaching posts have been filled.
  - Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) has been approved, Mathematics only item outstanding.
  - Phone & Smart Device Policy: must be powered down and kept in student bag (including smart watches) for duration of school day.
  - District diversity project -- no change, current information suggests it will impact middle schools more than elementary.

## Racial Equity Committee - Simone Dornbach

Will meet monthly at 7pm, next date November 2nd. Questions to [303racialequity@gmail.com](mailto:303racialequity@gmail.com)

## Announcements:

- Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup> – Next PTA Meeting
- Monday October 25th - Picture Day
- Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Parade

**Adjournment 8:20 pm**