



**PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021**

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

4 Executive Board Members (Stacey, Michele, Louise, Vincent) – total 44 members in attendance. Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 2021 meeting – Louise Verga

- Motion carries for approval of November minutes

Treasurer's Report – Vincent Roulot

- November 2021
 - Opening balance: \$69,436.13
 - Income: \$223.95 (Amazon Smile Quarterly Payout)
 - Expenses: \$692.12 (\$644 PTO Today Insurance; Crayons for recess \$48.12)
 - Ending balance: \$68,967.96

Voting on \$252.56 expense for 4 boxes of Ice Packs for Nurse Yana – Stacey Shick Samuels

- Approved, motion carries.

Voting on \$258.70 expense for virtual visit for 4th grade “Save Me A Seat” author, Sarah Weeks

- Approved, motion carries.

Vice President's Report – Michele Molfetta

- **DOE released new governance for PTAs** We will be reviewing new A-660 governance structure for PTAs in Jan & Feb. Updates include guidelines for new virtual meeting formats and payment methods like Venmo.

President's Report – Stacey

- **City Vaccine Referral Program** – as of 12/7 we had 81 referrals and will receive \$8,100, the incentive remains open until Jan 31st 2022.
- **Kindergarten Applications** – are open through Jan 18th, current Pre-K students will must also apply and will receive priority as will siblings. PS196 zoned families no longer get priority and we have been returned to District 28-wide status.
- **Kindergarten Virtual Open House** – Friday 17th 9am to be hosted by administration with video tour, follow up Q&A with PTA members. Signup via Eventbrite.
- **Communication System** – the PTA will be proposing the purchase of a community communications system, such as Class Dojo, to facilitate more frequent and timely flow of

information/announcements between the administration and families. More to come on this in future meetings.

- **Annual School Safety Meeting**
 - Reminder to ensure students are arriving on time for 8:10am
 - All students and parents/caregivers must be wearing a mask from the gate entrance
 - Please pack spare masks in student's backpacks.
 - Request to make the lineup more compact, have students stand next to each other
 - There will be no early drop-off for (unless DOE safety guidelines change) due to Covid protocols. Breakfast will be grab and go for those who need at start of school day.

School Leadership Team (SLT) Report – Sheryl Hirshon

- Meeting held 12/7 (regular time 1st Tuesday of month 7:30am, 303SLT@gmail.com to ask questions)
- December Meeting
 - Nancy Lugassy from CEC attended – newly elected parents are keen to advocate for our area
 - Covid Exposure Protocols – unvaccinated can test out of quarantine on day 8. Fully vaccinated students are not required to quarantine but highly recommended to get tested before returning to school.
 - In the event some students in a class are in quarantine and some are clear to come to school, live instruction will be provided to those in school and asynchronous instruction will be provided to those who are remote.
 - Racial Equity & Diversity – the school is trying to focus more on this topic, administration is happy with the work initiated by the Racial Equity Committee and keen leverage their efforts and partner with other schools to advance this agenda over the school year. Questions to 303racialequity@gmail.com

Announcements:

- Monday December 13th – Photo Make Ups
- Friday December 17th – Kindergarten Open House
- Thursday January 13th – Next PTA Meeting
- January 22nd – 28th Golden Ticket Fundraiser with Aigner Chocolates.

Adjournment 8 pm