



PTA of AEA
PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022

Call to order at 7:05pm – Stacey Shick Samuels

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

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

- Motion carries for approval of November Minutes

Treasurer's Report – Vincent Roulot

- December 2021
 - Opening balance: \$68,967.96
 - Income: \$19,118.44 (Annual Fund)
 - Expenses: \$342.03 (\$92.03 Dunkin Donuts Nov 5th event reimbursement; annual tax filing \$250)
 - Ending balance: \$87,744.37
- Vincent raised the topic of exploring a short-term investment account (e.g. TD offer a 2% return for minimum \$5k investment with 5 year lock up) to see if we can get better interest rate on a small portion of funds that would not be needed in short term. Another parent suggested high yield saving account. More research to be done on this for future discussion.

Voting on up to \$750 expense for breakfast to thank the teachers – 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

- **PTA Meeting with Administration:**
 - Teachers reminding families to please use the Covid test kits being sent home
 - PTA donating a thank you breakfast in January to the teachers after stressful start to 2022
 - **Communications Platform** The PTA discussed the purchase of a communications platform that could be used to handle multiple modes of reaching parents (email, text, call, app). A tool that can help reach more family members efficiently for the school to get their messaging out in a more targeted and streamlined way. The platform would also serve to give parents and caregivers better information and insight to the school and have the latest and greatest information from the child's teacher and school wide info at their fingertips. We will engage with teacher spokesperson to gather feedback and come up with proposals. Also asking parent community to make suggestions if they have positive experience of any platforms.

- Focus will be on a solution that meets teacher expectations and is sustainable for future PTAs.
- **Funding a Broadway performance** Mrs Bonthuys is asking if the PTA can fund the purchase of rights to a Broadway show (Annie for 2022) for 4th grade students. This will give the school permission to use the full scripts, music and all associated materials to put on a professional show. Without these rights it is very limiting with regard to what we are allowed to stage. More details to come on this next meeting.
 - **Spring Event** We will be working with the administration on hosting an event for the community to come together in the Spring.

President's Report – Stacey

- **Stomping Ground Photo** – fundraiser for school extended to Jan 24th to include option to purchase class composites.
- **Golden Ticket Aigner Chocolate Fundraiser** – this will run the week of Jan 22nd, PTA are collecting prize donations.
- **Requesting Chairs for coordinating upcoming fundraisers** – May Teacher Appreciation Week; First School Supplies; Readathon

School Leadership Team (SLT) Report – Vartges Saroyan

- Meeting held 1/4 (regular time 1st Wednesday of month 7:30am, 303SLT@gmail.com to ask questions)
- Jan Meeting
 - Covid Testing – currently operates on honors system, encourage parents to send a photo of the test results on days 1 & 5 of exposure.
 - School Crossing Safety – reminder for parents not to double park or park over the crossing around the school. Parents can reach also reach out to the local precinct neighborhood coordination officer Nicholas Krapf Nicholas.krapf@nypd.org regarding the allocation of a crossing guard for our school.
 - SEL DESSA – social emotional learning screening, Ms Barrett school social worker completed 8 hour training to understand the results gathered from this.
 - Racial Equity & Diversity – the school will continue to build out the curriculum this year including Harlem Renaissance, Juneteenth celebrations, expanding library of culturally responsible reading & social emotional care (Rising Voices book source for each grade); Spotlight History will include coverage for Black History and Women's History months. In addition parents can reach out to 303racialequity@gmail.com for more events.

Questions:-

- 1) Possibility of special education/academic intervention funding? SLT to follow up.
- 2) Need for high quality KN95 masks to be donated to school? (Mrs Gallo said the school has sufficient supply of masks and do not need any from the PTA surplus has been provided by DOE)
- 3) Superintendent is working on possibility of more school vaccine pop-ups.

Announcements:

- Monday Jan 17th – MLK no school
- Tuesday Feb 1st - Lunar New Year – no school
- January 22nd – 28th Golden Ticket Fundraiser with Aigner Chocolates.
- Thursday February 10th – Next PTA Meeting

Adjournment 8 pm