



**PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Feb 10th, 2022**

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

5 Executive Board Members (Stacey, Michele, Louise, Vincent, Irina) – total 41 members in attendance. Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 2022 meeting – Louise Verga

- Motion carries for approval of January Minutes

Treasurer's Report – Vincent Roulot

- January 2022
 - Opening balance: \$87,744.37
 - Income: \$12,330.59 (Annual Fund & Matching)
 - Expenses: \$252.56 Ice Pack for school nurse
 - Ending balance: \$99,822.40
- Annual Fund Total raised to date - \$22,049.03 some more still to add from corporate matching donations.

President's Report – Stacey

- **Aigner Chocolates Golden Ticket Fundraiser** - \$283 raised
- **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, digital choreography, license to tape and distribute, scenery projections, T-Shirts for all students involved to put on a professional show. Without these rights it is very limiting with regard to what we are allowed to stage. **Total cost \$1,786.50**
**We will add this line item to the recurring budget for the PTA.

Voting on \$1,786.50 expense for rights to Annie production – Stacey Shick Samuels

- Approved, motion carries.
- **Donors Choose Projects** questions from parent community regarding why teachers are raising funds for their class needs / projects via this platform as opposed to coming to the PTA. The PTA has repeatedly asked the staff for anything we can fund, and has also reminded them more recently we are ready and willing to help. When we asked them more recently their reasons for opting to use Donors Choose, response was variety of reasons from not realizing they could come to PTA (some are new and this was not a resource they had in prior schools, for existing staff this is also new as in previous years we did not have a budget surplus and funds were mostly allocated at the start of the year to big ticket items like an art teacher which was not

funded by the DOE before the 2021-22 school year. We have restated our availability to teachers and will be sending notes to the teachers to remind them we are here to help fund their projects! There are currently 3 live projects live on Donors Choose – asking the PTA if we would like to complete the funding for each them,

Voting on Ms Rodriguez Flexible Seating \$226; Ms Ugbomah Drying Rack \$76; Mr Koines \$353 color printer

- Approved, motion carries.

Voting on up to \$450 expense to fully fund Mrs Bates Blick Art Supplies

- Approved, motion carries.
- **PreK teacher Mr. DeJesus Retirement** – Feb 18th retirement PTA would like to fund a retirement gift as we have for teachers in the past.

Voting on \$100 photo book & \$100 gift card for retirement gift

- Approved, motion carries.
- **Staff Request for 7 Connect4 games for indoor recess as it is very popular with the students - \$84**
- Approved, motion carries.

School Leadership Team (SLT) Report – Geraldine Chadenat

- Meeting held 1/4 (regular time 1st Wednesday of month 7:30am, 303SLT@gmail.com to ask questions of parent members)
- Feb Meeting
 - SEL DESSA – social emotional learning screening, Ms. Barrett reviewed the results, the goal is to move all students toward “strength” category. Review piloted with the 5th grade, focus on Personal Responsibility, will be rolled out to the wider student community in September. School is still awaiting guidance from the DOE on what should be communicated further on the topic. For any questions Ms Barrett can be reached at cbarrettaea@gmail.com
 - K Grade Reading Levels – Mrs. Leto had expressed concerns on the impact on lower than targeted reading levels for the Kindergarten students in the first semester, this is largely due to the impact of Covid and remote learning on the lower grades. In September 30% of K students were testing below grade level. The teachers have put extra focus and dedicated resources to reading with the students, as of February only 12% are below and there will be continued focus in this area to get all students where they need to be.
 - Question re field trips – they are not currently approved by DOE.

Announcements:-

- Winter Break Feb 21 – 25th
- Next PTA Meeting March 10th

Adjournment 8:15 pm