



**PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 16th, 2023**

Call to order at 7:03pm – Onome Atie-Egone

5 Executive Board Members (Onome, Susanna, Louise, Vincent, Latrice) – total 58 members in attendance.

Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 2023 meeting – Louise Verga

- Motion carries for approval of February Minutes

Treasurer's Report – Vincent Roulot

- February 2023
 - Opening balance: \$90,773.77
 - Income: \$3114.63 – Annual Appeal, Amazon, Krispy Kreme, Ice Skating
 - Expenses: \$6,642.22 – Teacher's Wishlist, Skate Rentals, Student Planners,
 - Ending balance: \$87,246.18

President's Report – Onome Atie-Egone

- **Nominating Committee** – 3-5 volunteers needed, only 1 so far, Ali Stevens, Lucy Han, Vartges Saroyan added their names on the call to join.
- **Teacher's Wishlist** – \$5,200 approved in Jan for all grade and specialty teachers, \$4,803 spent. A further \$4,500 approved in Feb to include all teaching and support staff and nurse, \$4,100.29 spent. Amongst purchases dry erase boards for 3rd grade, Kindergarten science project materials, oil pastels, basins for sick students to keep in nurse office, sensory toys for IEP support team. Lastly 18 document cameras, 1 per class purchased.
TEACHERS SEND MUCH GRATITUDE!
- **School Survey** – reminder for families to complete one per child.
- **Afterschool Care Update** – Thanks to the committee for research and proposal. They met with Mrs. Leto 3/15, the administration are open to small pilot program for next year only if under PTA management. The committee will present a full update in April's meeting.
- **Spirit Week** – Next week.
- **Fundraiser Updates**
 - Spirit Wear - \$2,217.27 raised (153 orders) back orders have been notified
 - Picture Day - \$2,432.02 raised (246 orders, 52% participation)
 - Krispy Kreme – \$502.50 raised

School Leadership Team (SLT) Report

Meeting held 3/1 (regular time 1st Wednesday of month in the school building 7:30am, 303SLT@gmail.com to ask questions). SLT mandate is to liaise with the school administration on the CEP Plan Implementation.

- **Environmental survey / NYC school survey**
 - o 66% - sent to families on 2/27 – due 3/31 per last Operoo (21% at SLT meeting)
 - o Every child can take the survey vs prior years
 - o Can access online and log in with your child's oisid#
 - o Results are shared with Mrs. Leto during the summer
 - Give idea on which areas to improve and work on and if anything more can be done (obviously if there is a major concern, please reach out to the admin/ teacher immediately)
 - o class reward incentive – surveys help the school's reputation within the program
- **Parent Coordinator Updates**

3 candidates interviewed since week of March 6th and this week with a representative from CEC that is invited
Mrs. Leto hopeful that they are close to hiring someone but no new updates since the meeting on March 8th
- **CEP Goals**
 - o Mrs Leto and team will be working on this over the coming months as we close out this year and get ready for the upcoming school year
 - o Math – intention is to continue working with Envisions which is currently under DOE's core curriculum and more aligned with next generation
- **Housekeeping rules (follow up from previous meetings)**
 - Safety hazard pedestrians going through parking lot / also please do not park car there, window platform where 3-5th grade pick up is
 - Operoo follow ups – Recess parent volunteers opportunities still open.

Racial Equity Committee Update

Some teachers are regularly attending the monthly meetings as a part of their CCER training for cultural responsiveness. When complete they will be eligible to claim funding for the school in support of this work.

Budget from PTA for REC activities from last year was \$15,000, to date less than \$7,000 spent. Budget for the upcoming school year will be approved at upcoming meeting for next years budget.

Some of the trips funded as part of this program are:-

Museo Del Barrio *Dec 22 4th & 5th grades

Virtual Jewish Museum Tour for 1st grade May 23

Louis Latimer House 3rd grade May 23

Shadow Box Theatre Company (pending teacher approval) preK / k

NYC Historical Society 2nd grade - virtual

New Business:

Voting on Field Trips:

- **Motion to spend up to \$5,000 on field trips MOTION CARRIES** – Proposed trips include: Alley Pond Nature Park - \$540 (1st), Arts on Stage - \$1,650 (3rd), Sprinkle of Fun - \$1,500 (K). PreK are not allowed offsite, looking into a visit to the school from a Firehouse.

Upcoming Events – Susanna Lee

- **METS GAME** Citi Field May 7th 1:40pm, AEA PTA will have its own seating section. Tickets will be issued only after payment has been made to PTA
- **End of Year Picnic** June 17th Flushing Meadows, food games and fun to wrap the school year for our community.
- **Read-a-thon** – will be held in May, details to come.
- **Kona Ice Truck** – June during the school day for all staff and students

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week – coming up in May, budget to be voted on in April meeting.

Volunteers needed to distribute school supplies at start of next school year!

5th Grade Graduation – Sheryl Hirshon, Joanne Ajello

Discussion on PTA participation, suggestion to make a budget line item for a PTA gift for this each year, to be voted on at a future meeting

Tara Keely: Motion to spend up to \$1,700 on year books for current 5th grade class. MOTION CARRIES

Announcements:-

- April 6th – No school for Passover
- April 7th – No school for Good Friday/ Easter
- April 10th-14th Spring Recess
- April 19th & 20th - ELA State Tests 3rd - 5th Grades.
- April 20th – PTA Meeting

Adjournment 8:35pm