

Minutes – PA Meeting 1/19/17 (Submitted by Julie Subrin)

(PA President had family emergency; meeting led by Susanna Stein)

8:35 a.m. Meeting called to order

Minutes approved – Julie Subrin

Treasurer's Report – Norma Gonzalez

-review monthly report

-motion to approve 2016-17 proposed budget – MOTION PASSED

School Food Presentation

Presented by Liz Fleischman, parent and Menu Planning Associate,
SchoolFood, NYC Department of Education

Lauren Kearley, D22 SchoolFood Supervisor

Patricia Bubb, PS 139 SchoolFood Service Manager

Liz gives informational presentation on menu planning, nutritional standards, student taste-testing, and food preparation

-SchoolFood offers 31 menus (includes breakfast, lunch, after-school, alternative menu)

-NYC nutritional standards are stricter than USDA: include reduced sodium and fat, increased fiber, all whole grain, different color vegetables, fresh fruit daily. No artificial colors or flavors, no fructose corn syrup, no sweeteners in juice. Chicken antibiotic-free, burgers 100% beef. No pork. All deli meats are turkey.

-Must balance nutrition, taste and cost. They can spend \$1.23/meal. Includes fruit, vegetable, main dish, condiments, milk.

-Offer a daily option of hummus and pretzels or PB&J

-Discussion of PS 139 kitchen – short staff, limited facility.

-Discussion: How do we get more kids to eat school food? More cooking classes, nutrition instruction for kids and parents, don't let students bring in junk food.

Explain to students *why* food may taste different from what they're used to – less salt, whole grains, healthy; encourage them to try new foods at home

-Dakota reports that the salad bar is a hit with kids, and lots of kids drink water.

-Kitchen got an A from health inspection

-Discussion: Can parents volunteer? Not with food preparation, but can help with set-up, clean up, help students

-Presenters suggest that the school consider switching from Alternative Menu to standard menu. It is much healthier than used to be, and tends to be more popular with students.

-Liz suggests that, with this level of interest, the PA form a Food Policy Committee. Rich LaMarita volunteers to head it up.

Movie and Pajama Night – Rich LaMarita

-Friday Feb 3, 6-8:30, \$2 per person, \$5 for 3

-seeking food donations and volunteers

Guidance Counselor Update – Dakota Burnett

- seeking suggestions for parent workshops
- wants to present to PA about new “restorative justice” initiative, and effort to hire more male teachers of color to work with boys
- Discussion: Seems to be some bullying around food teasing and trading at lunch, and also in school yard. Dakota will visit classes to discuss. Will look into workshop for parents on citizenship, open dialogue, and giving children consistent message.

Chess Club Finances – Ian West

- Fundraising covers team travel, hotel for national competition, as well as some operating costs.
- Chess club parents make donations and fundraise.
- Students of all grades welcome. Must know how to play, and want to play.
- About 30 kids in club.

New Business

Megan Demarkis – a local post-election organization has formed to protect and serve vulnerable people in our community. They are now proposing a movie night for adults, hosted by PS 139, featuring documentaries about human rights in March or April. Could be fundraiser for the PA. Looking for volunteers.

SLT Report – Claire Pearce

- Details from December meeting in Rugby Reporter on school website
- Test results show improvements in ELA, drop in math (also citywide). Need to devote more attention to ELL students and students with disabilities.

Principal’s Report – Mary McDonald

- Introduces new guidance team: Dakota Burnett, Toanna Barker. We are also sharing David Hosten, School Mental Health Consultant, with 10 other schools, can help link families and students with mental health services in the city.
- We have a temporary care custodian.
- School had recent Quality Review, with superintendent visiting. Recommended that school improve student assessment and monitoring. Provide extra help before and after school for academic intervention
- Clubs: Can begin half of them now – Legos, science, dance. Second batch of clubs will be added after April 7, testing.
- Working to hire Parent Coordinator, have 30 applicants, interviews scheduled

9:30 a.m. (?) Meeting Adjourned