

Minutes – PA Meeting 11/17/16 (Submitted by Julie Subrin)

8:40 a.m. Meeting called to order

Minutes approved – Julie Subrin

President's Report – Indira Junicic

-book fair raised \$1,000 for PA

-discussion: can we hold bake sales during concerts? Consult with chess fundraisers (Megan and Natalee)

-proposes Radio Bingo: \$950 would cover DJ and snacks. \$25 for entry covers bingo and appetizers, held in school one evening, adults only

-could also raffle off baskets put together by teachers (raffle tix would also have been sold at school in advance of drawing at bingo)

-meant to attract teachers and parents, care givers, and friends

-part of campaign to raise \$6,000 for teacher supply closet

Discussion:

-could it be held somewhere other than school? Might appeal to teachers off site, and also would make it possible to serve alcohol. Marlborough Gardens? A bar?

Volunteers will look into possibilities.

-Are there other options for fundraiser?

Claire Pearce and Malika Green volunteer to organize for our participation in the 5K Fun Run in Prospect Park.

Treasurer's Report – Norma Gonzalez

-Reviews monthly treasurer report – current balance \$25,531.21

-Final vote on proposed budget for 2016-17 will be at next meeting

-Discussion: Because questions arise at each meeting, could put explanation of Safe Horizons payment on each monthly report

Principal's Report – Assistant Principal Joanna Spanos

-School has had annual quality review for past two days

-Thank you to parents who participated; review found our families to be engaged and supportive

New Business:

After School Clubs – Megan Jonynas

-PA is providing funding to offer clubs for K-2, 3-5

-A parent could propose a class, but must have teacher in room

-Not available to CAMBA students, as they have their own after school clubs

-Kids Orbit kids are eligible

-Priority will be given to kids not already in other clubs (including chess)

Post-election stress

-Discussion about what the school is doing to address anxieties around the election. AP Alison Becker says the school sees that there is high stress among some students, and has asked teachers to take the pulse of students during morning meeting. They are reaching out, one on one, to students who seem to be having difficulty. One parent notes that families can go to the Legal Aid Society if they are looking for legal advice.

Ms Jonynas also notes that teachers can't, and don't, share political views with students, but can create opportunities to talk about how we treat each other, etc.

Ms Becker adds that the chancellor has said they will share a set of lessons for helping deal with anxiety. And guidance counselors have gone over signs of stress for teachers to look out for.

Committee Reports:

Grant Committee – Megan Demarkis

- We applied for a \$2,500 wellness grant for gym equipment
- Went to a Foundation Center training to learn how to find and apply for appropriate grants
- Next meeting 12/12 at 8:30 am
- Teachers say they have \$6,000 in supply requests like Magnatiles, toys for imaginary play, dress up
- You can also support teachers through their online Donors Choose campaigns
- PA should create a flyer with a boiler plate description of the school, mission, vision
- Preparing to submit a few proposals to Participatory Budget call for proposals – school kitchen upgrade, expand community garden, improve school yard.
- They need help developing proposals

Tech Committee – Claire Pearce

- We put out a call for a web master, and we got one! Parent Felipe Flores will help with streamlining content, removing outdated content, etc
- You can subscribe, on the site, to get regular updates
- Getting the next issue of the Rugby Reporter ready – welcomes ideas, submissions (kids' art, writing, etc – contact Claire with ideas)
- recommends District 22 newsletter, lots of great information and resources

Town Hall Meeting on School Safety – Irene Varon

-School Business Manager and head of our School Safety Committee Irene Varon reviewed school safety policies including fire and lock down drill procedures, cellphone rules, dismissal, etc. For flyers and information, please visit the main office.

Meeting Adjourned