

Minutes – PA Meeting 4/20/16 (Submitted by Julie Subrin)

Meeting called to order

Minutes reviewed and approved by vote

President's Report – Indira

- PA will sell artificial flowers for Mother's Day, first week of May, during Drop Off
- PA Fun Run is May 7
- Selling gold stars for Teacher Appreciation Day
- During June, at Chuck E Cheese, 50% of purchase goes to school **(JS ck)** and teachers can eat for free
- Modell's Sporting Goods coupons for 4/29-6/2: 15% off your purchase, and school gets 5% of sales above \$500 **(JS ck)**

Financial Audit – Susanna

- Susanna is reviewing our spending and earnings to make sure everything is properly documented and in order
- She's putting together a manual explaining how to fill out check request forms and provide receipts
- PA cannot reimburse for sales tax; we are tax exempt, and with tax exempt ID should not be paying sales tax

Expedited Election for Treasurer

- Treasurer Valentina Kostinenko has resigned
- expedited vote held to elect new treasurer, Norma Gonzalez – ELECTED

SLT report – Indira

- working on CEP – Comprehensive Education Plan
- more play for pre-K **(JS ck)**
- better early intervention with additional paras
- book pals program
- discussing clusters, including chess/board games, science, music, art
- discussing how to make library lending active again
- pairing actors with school for drama program (Karla)

Budget Committee – Liz

- Recommends we form a budget committee to develop next year's budget
- Lavita McMath, Karla D. Moore and Jennifer Lutton volunteer

Election Committee – Julie

- Need to form a committee to prepare for nominations and elections for next year's PA officers
- Julie Subrin, Noura Megaley, and possibly Lynne Yeamans and Richard Crawford volunteer

-We review each of the positions, including 2 new proposed ones: Chair of Diversity Committee and Translation Coordinator

Principal's Report – Mary McDonald

- ELA and math tests went well; got good feedback from state monitor
- received \$7,000 grant for 4th grade 10 session hip hop residency
- AP Joanna Spanos will be returning from leave 4/22/16
- School has set aside \$3,000 for summer slide; requesting \$3,000 or more from PA
They are developing an assessment tool to evaluate success of program going forward. Doesn't think children should have to return books. Looking into a weekly voluntary Book Swap over the summer.
- Summer School will be housed at PS 152 this year
- Discussion of getting library open – parents ask if school aids could be trained
- School registration for next year has begun. Over 110 families have already signed up – we will have 4 kindergarten classes
- We were invited to make a presentation at a dual language symposium
- SLT has been discussing clusters. Will survey staff. Considering adding a lower grade arts cluster, and adding theater, games.
- School Sargent position was eliminated by the city. In that role we will now make use of the new Neighborhood Community Officer.
- 3rd AP hiring process still underway

Girls Empowerment Club – Dakota

- The school guidance counselors are running a girl's empowerment club pilot – 19 girls, 2 days/wk, working on interpersonal skills – verbal and non-verbal communication, leadership and advocacy, self-esteem, building and sustaining friendships, goal setting and decision making, conflict mediation
- Currently for 4th and 5th graders
- hope to pilot a boys group in fall
- parent asks about doing something similar for parents

Multicultural Night – Noura

- Fashion show and food bazaar, May 13, 5:45 – 8:30 PM
- need volunteers, especially for clean-up
- some parents suggest more garbage cans in cafeteria, and closing food area 15 minutes before performance starts

Summer Slide

- PA discusses school request for \$3,000
 - discussion about the need for or value of assessment for this
 - question – were books returned last year? Not all – those that were were absorbed into classroom libraries. Can we track them?
 - could we get books in languages besides English?
 - could books be of higher level?
- VOTE PASSED – We will give them \$2,200 from our Scholastic sale and \$800 supplemental

Club Update – Liz

- Alyna has been reviewing DOE regulations to make sure clubs function accordingly
- Had to eliminate Fitness and Track and Field, which are not allowed by DOE
- We can't charge fees for the clubs
- Most popular were Legos and Robots (there will be 2 clubs serving 30 kids) and Cooking (there will be 2-3 clubs, serving about 35 kids). Not all who wanted to get in got into those.
- Also offering art and dance. Karaoke and Theater were undersubscribed, and will not be offered
- Recommends that next year we consider hiring someone to run the program. Perhaps Kids Orbit could do it – organize 4 clubs for 6 weeks? Or maybe pay a para to do it? (Maria isn't sure.)
- We got lots of proposals and interest from teachers

Reminder – tomorrow night the school will host a zoning meeting to discuss the new, nearby middle school.

MEETING ADJOURNED