

## **Minutes – PA Meeting 9/22/16 (Submitted by Julie Subrin)**

8:35 a.m. Meeting called to order

Welcome from PA President – Indira Junicic encourages PA members to participate and contribute ideas and

Minutes – Julie Subrin - Minutes from the last meeting were not available for review. They will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Introductions – PA Board members introduce themselves and describe their role on the PA:

Natalee Stephens and Jasmina Srdanovic – VPs of Event Planning

Julie Subrin – Secretary

Maria Martinez – New Parent Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator

Norma Gonzalez – Treasurer

Liliana Vasquez – VP, Internal Fundraising

Susanna Stein – VP, External Fundraising

Jennifer Lutton and Claire Pearce – co-chairs, Tech Committee

Expedited Elections –Julie Subrin:

Motion to elect Val Kostinenko as Chair of Teacher Support – motion seconded – majority vote to elect her.

Call for nominees for SLT parent reps. Megan Demarkis and Grace Veras Sealy are nominated, and nominations seconded. Majority vote to elect them both.

Treasurer’s Report – Norma Gonzalez

-Proposed budget for 2016-17 has been prepared, and was voted on in the spring. It will be shared and voted on again, with any changes, at the next meeting

Important PA Fundraising Mechanisms – Susanna Stein & Josh Lerner

There are several ways to contribute to the PA: Fairway tags (ask Indira or Susanna for details); Amazon purchases made via the Amazon button on PS 139 website homepage; PA dues

Also, the Participatory Budget Project, whereby residents in Mathieu Eugene’s district can propose projects for their community which are then developed and voted on by people in your district. At least \$1 million from the district budget will be allocated for winning projects.

Event Planning – Natalee Stephens

Oct 27 – Harvest Night

Hoping to organize an online auction for the spring

Principal’s Report- Sarah Gobin-Darrell (for Mary McDonald)

-C-30 Committee is forming to hire an Assistant Principal. Alison Becker is currently an interim AP. Will need a small group of parents to participate in hiring process.

-Have reposted the listing for a Parent Coordinator. Will need a small group of parents to participate in hiring process.

-9/22 Family Curriculum Night

-9/24 Ice Cream Social

9/30 Junior Achievement Day, volunteers visiting all classrooms

#### Assistant Principal Reports

Sarah Gobin-Darrell (Pre-k, K and 1)

-looking to expand dual language classes, may have 2 for pre-K

-moving towards “purposeful play” approach for lower grades. Study group has worked on this with Teacher’s College

-Reading Rescue program provides 1-to-1 instruction for 76 students during and after school

-All first graders will take Cook Shop this year

-Garden project – donation of 2,000 daffodils to be planted this year

Alison Becker (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

-Continuing staff development with Teacher’s College

-There will be a TC workshop for parents in October

-We are working with a math curriculum instructor on Metamorphosis

JoAnna Spanos (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Special Ed)

-school saw tremendous improvement on English Language Arts exam last year

-slight dip in math scores, which was seen city-wide

-Responsive Classrooms – 30 teachers have been trained in this community building curriculum at the school. Goal is to train all teachers.

#### Committee Break Out Sessions

9:40 Meeting Adjourned