

Minutes – PA Meeting 9/21/15 (Submitted by Julie Subrin)

Welcome –

- Outgoing PA president Liz Fleischman welcomes people, explains meeting procedure. Introduces new PA president Indira Jucinic.
- Indira reviews past year's fundraising accomplishments – wiring for ACs, books to prevent "summer slide"
- -Invites people to bring their own ideas

Minutes from June 2015 meeting read and approved

Border Crosser's Report – Josephine Sinagra

Liz: Last year, the PA voted to fund a workshop to train 50 teachers on how to help students talk about and make sense of race and equity issues around them. Ms. Sinagra, 4th grade teacher and attendee, is here to share some reflections.

Josephine: The workshop gave her the tools and confidence to have important conversations about equity, socioeconomic class, gender, etc, and helped her understand why they are necessary. Can help students ask "why is this happening?" "where do we see it?" and "how can we change it?" Grateful for the opportunity. Happy to talk to anyone who wants to learn more.

Treasurer's Report – Liz Fleischman (interim)

- opened new account at Chase Bank
- Have nearly \$13,000 from last year
- So far, spent money on pens that say PS 139, Border Crosser's workshop, and fee for 501-c-3 application.
- Expecting check for almost \$10,000 from previous PA president who stole \$\$.

Update on Court Case related to PA President's theft in 2014 – Jennifer Lutton

- Court case over – she pled guilty, agreed to settlement
- We are waiting for check from Safe Horizons of nearly \$10,000
- Have already received about \$2,500
- She is required to make monthly payments of \$500 or be threatened with jail time

Principal's Report – Mary McDonald

- 2 Assistant Principals left
- Introduces 3 new APs for this year: Sarah Gobin-Darrell (last year was Resident Principal at the school) for Pre-K, K and 1; Alyna Jacobs (previously school's Math Coach for grades 2 & 3; Joanne Spanos for grades 4 & 5.
- Introduces new guidance counselor Dakota, will be working with grades 3,4, and 5
- Introduces 2 new safety agents
- Have new quarterly newsletter, the Rugby Reporter, thanks to Claire Sering.
- Scaffolding should all be down soon. See Rugby Reporter newsletter for full details on repairs.

- Explains new door alarm procedures. Every door now alarmed. Some deactivated during arrival and dismissal.
- Reviews cellphone policy
- Issue of water overflow in front of school being addressed by Con Ed.
- Explains new “Morning Meeting” Responsive Classrooms routine
- 30 staff have had Responsive Classroom; on Election Day another 30 will be trained.
- Parent asks about instituting mandatory uniforms. McDonald says that’s up to parents.

Address from Councilman Mathieu Eugene

-Shares details of Participatory Budgeting process in 40th district, encourages families to participate, put in proposals. Community will decide how \$1million is spent. Process goes on from now until April or May. 14 year olds [ck] can participate and vote too.

Expedited Elections – The following PA positions were filled by majority vote

VICE PRESIDENT: Liz Fleischman

TREASURER: Valeriya Konstinenko

MEMBER AT LARGE: Rona Taylor

SLT MEMBERS (besides President):

1. Lavita McMath
2. Quincy Blackman
3. Karla Moore
4. Valeriya Konstinenko & Jennifer Lutton
5. Lynne Yeamans
6. Kathiria Rodriguez & Jasmina Srdanovic
7. Takhiya Glover

Meeting Adjourned