

PS 29 PTA Meeting Minutes

2.15.24

6:30 on Zoom

A motion was made to accept the minutes from January by Lianna Durney

The motion was seconded by Mariam Farmanau

Present: Dr. Fagin, Mary, Lianna, Dana, Mariam, Raul, Meagan, Chana, Halee

Agenda:

Principal's Update: Dr. Fagin

Budget - We had a register snapshot on October 31st 2023. If we are under enrolled (we have less students than the number that was projected) we owe money and if we are over enrolled (we have more students than was projected) we are given money.

We are currently under enrolled due to a variety of reasons: families move, families thought they were coming and didn't come...

Due to under enrollment as of 10/31 we owe 62,000. We had a second snapshot on 12/31 that is directly tied to special education. We were given 18,000 so DOE subtracted the 18,000 from the original 62,000 and we now owe roughly 40,000

Substitute coverage is also an additional expense. As we continue to move through the year we are aware we will need more funding.

We are in the process of negotiating with the DOE and explaining the rationale for why we need more funds to cover absences. We are hoping they'll come back and loan us those funds. If that's not possible we may ask the PTA for more support.

The school community will continue to be informed as information becomes available.

New Curriculum

There is a shift in curriculum mandated by the city. It is called Wit and Wisdom and we are actively working to make sense of it. We are in Phase 2 of the rollout. The expectation is that the curriculum is rolled out by September 2024. This program has modules and every grade has 4 Modules. We are now in the process of unpacking the curriculum itself in teams, unpacking the lingo, and addressing the elements of the new curriculum.

Professional development requires teachers to go to other schools. We do not like to pull teachers out of classrooms because it involves absences and coverages which require funding. We are not sending teachers in waves and we are being thoughtful about implementation and professional development. We have teachers visiting PS 107.

DSF

We are applying for a grant through the borough president to renovate our school bathroom. The Division of School Facilities has stated their going to bundle our bathroom renovation with other renovating plans but it has not come to fruition.

Marie Isner - After School Update

The last course lottery was opened today. Parents have till 2/28. If any course is overenrolled we do a lottery. Overall it was pretty smooth. The best practice is to only select the top two choices for your child. This is our 9th semester and we have a high success rate of matching every student to at least one course. Lottery results will be delivered on March 11th

If you need to make changes or have any questions email us directly so we can be of assistance. Our Spring course catalog includes about 65 courses including some new options - Treasure Trunk Theater, and Ms.Crowley is offering Art Around the World.

Makeup week March 18th till March 22nd.

The camp for March 7th will have the 1st to 5th grade head to the movies to see Kung Fu Panda. The Prek and K will have a special Splat Lab Activity. There are only two spots available for the Prek and K seats.

Co-Treasurers: Raul Vidal (3rd grader) & Mariam Farmanau (2nd grader)

Budget Snapshot as of Jan-31-2024

| | 2023-24 | | | 2022-23 |
|---|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| | ACTUAL | GOAL | % of GOAL | % of GOAL |
| NET CONTRIBUTIONS | | | | |
| Fundraising (direct appeal & merch sales) | \$149K | \$220K | 68% | 93% |
| Community Events & Activities | \$5K | \$110K | 5% | 5% |
| <i>PS29 Cheers</i> | \$4K | \$2K | 200% | 80% |
| <i>Rummage Sale</i> | \$5K | \$4K | 80% | 40% |
| <i>Eat Pie & Shop</i> | \$12K | \$12K | 100% | 187% |
| <i>Super Science Saturday</i> | \$5K | \$5K | 100% | \$1.2K* |
| After School Program (accretive to the budget with assessed parental fees) | \$65K | \$110K | 59% | 47% |

Notable revenue in January:
+\$22K from direct appeal

Notable expenses in January:
-\$12K for 5th grade play
-\$4K for merchandise reorders
-\$2K for enrichments
-\$3K for school supplies
-\$1K for lice checks

Presidents Report:

President's Report

- Community Events
 - Super Science Saturday 3/17
 - Rummage Sale 5/5
 - 5th Grade Play (May)
 - Block Party 5/31
- Fundraising Events
 - Benefit & Auction 5/23
- School Events
 - PT Conferences 3/7

-Our upcoming community events are: Super Science Saturday, rummage sale, the fifth grade play and then the block party which is at the end of May.

-The Benefit and Auction which will be at Strong Rope Brewery again.Planning is underway. Anticipate a lot of outreach in the future months.

-The majority of our budget for the events that we hold comes from the benefit and auction. This event sponsors most of the PTA's events.

The PTA will host a lunch for teachers during the Parent Teacher Conferences

The PTA plans to put up some tables in the auditorium and will be asking for donations of meals or money.

Be on the lookout for more information about that.

Meeting began at: 6:30

Meeting ended at: 7:00