

PTA General Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/21

8:45 a.m. PS29 cafeteria

Meeting began at: 8:45a

Meeting ended at: 9:30a

Next PTA Meeting is: April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes from March meeting approved.

Present:

- School Staff: ~~Dr. Fagin, Dawn Pender, Halee Hochman, Janet Cavanagh, Marie Isner~~
- PTA Co-Presidents: ~~Mary & Mariam~~
- PTA Co-Treasurers: ~~Raul & Rachel M~~
- PTA Co-Communications: ~~Josh & Anna~~
- PTA Co-Fundraising: ~~Hana & Megan & Ali~~
- PTA Co-Secretary: Rachel K & Dana
- PTA Co-Class Parent: ~~Blair & Christina~~

Executive Board Meeting Agenda

- Copresidents report
- Principal's Report
- After School Update
- Treasurer's Report
- Fundraising Report

Co-Presidents Reports

- Upcoming days off for students, March 27 for conferences and April 14-18 for spring break.
- Rummage sale is upcoming on May 4, communications will start going out to parents and the community in the next week.

- Super Science Saturday was well-attended and successful, with 1,400 people in attendance and \$8,000 raised for the PTA.
- The second Courageous Conversations meeting was held last week.
- Learning committee event in conjunction with neurodiversity week is March 26 in the school cafeteria
- Reminder about open board positions and opportunity to meet with current members after the meeting and in April board meeting. Child care will be provided during the meeting from 6-7p
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Upcoming events

- Parent teacher conferences, March 27
- Eid al-Fitr, March 31
- NYS Stand Testing Meeting for 3-5 grades, April 4, 8:45a
- Spring recess, April 14-18
- Final lice check of school year, April 21
- PTA board meet and greet, April 24
- April PTA meeting, April 24
- Rummage Sale, May 4
- Staff Appreciation Week May 5-9
- May PTA Meeting (in person), May 23
- Benefit and Auction, May 29
- Block Party, June 13

Principal's Report

- Construction update: Construction on adjacent building to jungle gym is nearing completion, and is in the final waterproofing phase. The expectation is that it will be open again by the end of April.
- Building construction: Fairly light activity now but it will really pick up in the summer. Not seeing heavy activity or equipment and this has limited access to the schoolyard for families. The crews need to be in the yard by 430p.
- Staff voted and approved "all are welcome" event in early May. It will be a potluc and, celebration of multiculturalism and opportunity for affinity groups to gather.
- Discussions are under way about class size and 2025-26 funding for school. "Are you returning" survey will go out soon to assist with this process.
- Neurodiversity week: Kids are talking about themselves, supportive strategies, and it has opened up dialogue in productive ways.

- Wit and wisdom: Questions about how it's going: It's a new curriculum after 12 years of using Foundations. Overall a success but need to plan and reflect on how it has gone while keeping an eye on the future and administration.

After School Programming

- Spring semester starts next week. Reminder to families to go into the portal and add Kids Club.
- Spring courses last until June 13. After that, kids club will go until the day of school.
- 5th grade play is part of the after-school program, Wizard of Oz, working on costume design and dance numbers.
- Guitar and piano lessons on Monday-Tuesday: Reminder to wait until it's time to dismiss and gather in the foyer if you are early, to avoid clogging up the inside area and creating safety concerns with too many people.

Treasurer's Report

- Through the end of February, \$197,000 direct appeal fundraising, exceeding our goal. Merchandise and photo day has yielded \$3,000 vs. goal of \$11,000. Community events. After school programs have received \$198,000 and already met goals. Question about how we spend the money and the process for that, which is built into the June meeting.

Fundraising Report

- Benefit and Auction is May 29 from 7p to 10p at Strong Rope Brewery in Red Hook.
- Actively seeking donations and sponsorships of all sizes.
- Seeking an emcee volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 930 and proceeded to Meet and Greet with board members.