

Date: 10/17

Proposed Agenda:

- Approve minutes
- President update
- Principal update
- Afterschool update
- Treasurer update
- Fundraising update
- Vote

Meeting called to order 6:32 p.m

Previous meeting minutes approved, Mariam voting in favor.

Board report

Mary went through the calendar for upcoming events, including 29 Cheers, D15 run fun, rummage sale, photo day, Eat Pie Shop. The next pop-up merch sale is Friday.

Our enrichment efforts so far this school year have included ballroom dancing, Harvest Week and various school supplies.

Marie Isner, PS29+ Afterschool update

We are already planning for next semester. Please send Marie any suggestions (especially Prek and Kindergarten

Courses and Kids Club are running on a normal schedule on Halloween- unless you receive an email that your course is canceled.

We have nearly completed week 3 of courses.

The lottery for next semester will be in November.

Marie reminded the meeting that after-school remains open on Halloween, but that some individual programs may cancel.

Dr. Fagin, Principal- *School budget cuts impacting classrooms, including ICT classroom conversion to General Education*

-There are two unrelated events that have impacted our school. First a teacher will be retiring in January. Second, the ICT classroom is changing into a general education classroom due to under enrollment of students with IEPs.

-The DOE decided that this class could no longer be an ICT class and that there were no funds to support it remaining as an ICT class. This class will now serve as a general education classroom. This decision is specific to this class one and does not carry over to the next year. This has led to a reorganization based on budgetary constraints.

-All classrooms are designed and budgeted for based on enrollment and what we know prior to the first day of school.

-PS.29 can only pay for classroom teachers with our Department of Education funds. We are not allowed to use PTA funds to pay for teachers' salaries, but PTA funds help offset all other costs.

-Historically, we have an ICT class in kindergarten almost every year and students with IEPs that have an ICT placement provide us with the funds for two teachers in one classroom. The average number of students for an ICT class is somewhere between 10 and 12 and not exceeding 40% of the class.

-To support the plan the administration is requesting a vote of an additional \$50,000 to go into the program support bucket as substitute coverage. This will also avoid having to excess another teacher. Substitute coverage is applicable when teachers are sick or on maternity leave.

-One parent expressed concern about lack of support for the child with the IEP in the kindergarten classroom. Admin will work with the family to make sure the child receives the appropriate support and assured the community that they will work with the family to ensure a smooth transition.

Vote:

The vote was held over ZOOM and the poll was opened by Mary Gallagher, PTA CoPresident.

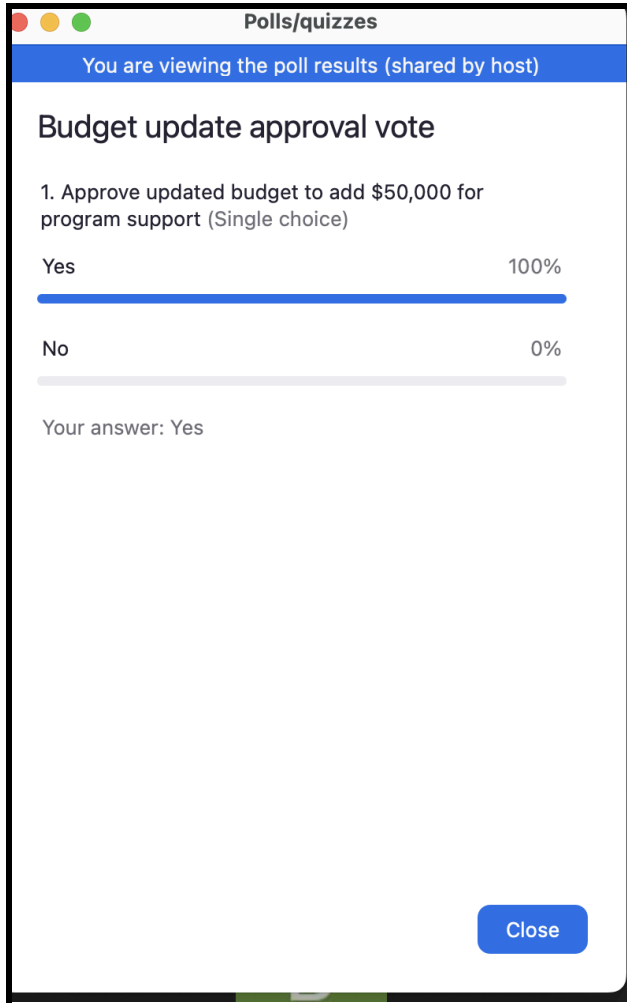
Resolving the Situation with PTA Support

To best mitigate the effects of the budget cuts and teacher movements, the school administration would like to retain the special education teacher from K-216 in a supporting role until Ms. Lynn retires and gradually transitions her to a new classroom.

To support this plan, the school is requesting an additional \$50,000 in program support from the PTA, considered as "substitute coverage."

This request will be up for a vote today.

Results:



Treasurers' Report

Rachel provided updates on 3 components that are the building blocks of PTA finances. 1) Fundraising. 2) Events/activities. 3) After-school. We are year to date above our goals and in healthy shape from a financial standpoint.

Fundraising Report:

Meagan provided a fundraising update. The direct appeal session is off to a strong start, with \$27,000 raised so far from 51 donors. The goal for the year is \$201,000. Our next biggest event will be giving Tuesday.

On Monday Oct. 28, the fundraising team will hold a coffee event to discuss efforts more in-depth.