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PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

IN PERSON

Minutes of PA Meeting

Board members in attendance: Elizabeth Fassler (Co-President), Ilana Haas (VP), Lindsey Sweedlund (VP), Rachel Bialik (Treasurer), Marina Tasopoulos-Chan (Secretary)

Quorum was achieved. Approximately 34 parents were in attendance in person.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40pm by Arielle Tomback and Stephania Vallejo.

Principal's Report: *Ms. Berkowitz* -

There are several new incentives for attendance, including a Star Student award, pencils for perfect attendance, and winning classes featured on the bulletin board.

There is a clothing drive during the week of November 6th.

Parents, please log in to NYCSA and Teach Hub. For grades K-5 there is a Typing Club program available through Teach Hub.

Parent Teacher conferences will be on Thursday, Nov. 2nd from 1:00pm-3:00pm and 4:30pm-7:30pm. Dismissal will be at 11:50am. Report cards will be available through NYCSA.

Tuesday, October 31st is Character Day.

For Anti-Bullying month there will be a respect for all poster/multimedia content.

Our weekend ENL program is starting soon. It will be held on Saturday mornings on November 18, and December 2, 9, and 16.

Project Arts for grades 3-5 has started. Grades K-2 will start Project Arts in January. Enrichment clubs have started.

Parent Coordinator – Ms. Medero

Workshops: A middle school workshop with Ms. Thiem was just held. Slides are available if you were not able to attend. There will be a fall craft workshop held at PS 144. More collaborative workshops with District 28 schools will be coming up.

Important announcements:

- Please make sure you have an Operoo and a NYCSA account (check that your emergency info is up to date.) There is now an app for NYCSA.
- You must bring a photo ID if you need to come into the school.

Approval of September General Meeting Minutes: The September 2023 minutes were approved by Yvette Jong and Amy Schoenhals.

Discussion of Bylaw Amendment Proposal: The proposal made at the previous meeting by Adrienne Faya and seconded by Ximena Frankel to change PA meetings from in person to hybrid format was opened up for discussion. We will vote at our next meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – Rachel Bialik

The budget from July, August, and September of 2023 was presented and discussed.

A request was made to have the monthly budget present the proposed vs. actual budgets, and to categorize the type of expenses.

At the next meeting we will discuss and vote on whether to restore funding for the kindergarten moving up ceremony.

Update on upcoming events:

BMX bike show – The bike show was held on September 28th.

Picture day – Makeup day is on 11/20

Halloween Party – Volunteers are needed for the party on October 29th.

Restaurant Fundraiser- Mighty Quinn’s BBQ fundraiser will be on November 8th and 9th.

Spiritwear – New graphics are available.

SLT liaison – Ellen Chu

At the last SLT meeting, SLT members reviewed the budget and state test scores. The updated SLT bylaws, which will be posted outside the main office, were reviewed. Brain Power and enrichment clubs are back.

Parent Questions for the SLT: What are the selection criteria for clubs? How many children are accepted into clubs? Why are clubs only in the morning? Will the SLT zoom link be the same every month?

Q & A

Parent question: Can we bring back Fun Fridays?

Announcements:

- The 5th grade committee is looking for volunteers.
- There is a clothing drive November 6th -11th. Contact Yvette Jong at yvettejong@gmail.com to volunteer.

Proposals:

- Motion proposed by Ximena Frankel and seconded by Jessica Shillito to have AEI make announcements about upcoming events and meetings at PA meetings.
- Motion proposed by Ying Lai and seconded by Yvette Jong to announce community service events at PA meetings.

Adjournment – 8:56 pm by Ying Lai and Diana Cherkas

