

PS110 - PTA MEETING SUMMARY

DECEMBER 5TH, 2018

In Attendance

Erica Young, PTA President

Ms Cano, Principal

Tanya Kotov, Co-Treasurer

Ms Raciunas, Assistant Principal

Stephanie Arsham, Co-Secretary

Amy Chalkely, Parent Coordinator

Shelly Garinther, Co-Secretary

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Presidents Report - Erica Young

Erica opens the meeting by giving a recap of the upcoming events :

12/8 MCHF

12/11 Family Tuesdays

12/12 School tour

12/13 Wellness and Committee Meeting

12/23 FUN!Raiser meeting at 8:15am and 7:30pm

1/12 CineSchool Screening

Budget update and report was presented. \$4,762 raised last week from donations in direct giving. Not including company matching. However we're still low on donations so it's a kind reminder to give either by a monthly donation, annually or through events.

Parent Coordinator's Report - Amy Chalkely

No family night on Wednesday this month because of the MCHF.

She presents The Junior Light House's bake sale, all profits benefits the Park Church Co Op. It will happen on December 12th so give some dollars to your kid(s) so they can purchase some baked goods!

Committee Chairs

Wellness Committee - Hannah gives an update of WITS as a successful program, that kids love. Recipes went out on Scoop. More workshops coming in the spring.

Fundraising Committee - Brownwyn presents CharityBuzz, two items are live on CharityBuzz at the moment. The next ask for auction items will be after the holiday seasons is over along with the Fun!Raiser.

MCHF Committee - Magali, co-chair of the MCHF, updates on her need for volunteers, savory goods. There will be a Table for volunteers Saturday morning for those who can volunteer on the day of.

For the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grader, there will be a baking competition! Officer Keith will be the judge!

Erica reminds that there will be a rehearsal for the 4th and 5th graders who present a show that day.

Merchandise Committee - Erica talks about merchandising : there will be new enamel pins, a new tote bag, more shirts, and some tattoos - 2 types of tattoos. All PS110 related.

Garden Committe - Tiffaney talks about the garden: doesn't need much maintenance now because of winter, will pick up in the spring. Marni put out some solar powered lights for the trees, go check it out!

Film Committee - Nathalie gives some updates on the film screenings : French movie ' the Painting' will be presented January 12th. Movie screened in English. Then February 3rd, Kubo will be screened, Then a series of stop motion animation in March and 2 family nights next year will include stop motion animation workshops. More details to follow .

Fun!Raiser Committee - Fleur talks about the FUN!Raiser; co-chair with Tiffaney. Will be held March 9th at Daniel Arsham Studio/ Snarkitecture. 190 tickets sold last year. Tickets will be \$40 like last year. The theme this year is black and gold. We need volunteers, auction items, (recycling gifts ?) , getting food and drinks. Bring friends! We need volunteers for the set up, on the day of. Next meeting Thursday 12/13

Erica explains the 10K missing from the FUN!Raiser budget this year, it will be matched by corporations- if you know any big corporation who could give and sponsor us for 1K, then we'd need only to search for 10 companies .

Advocacy Committee - Yuli gives an update on the Community Breakfast last week that was successful. It's becoming an annual event.

Next CEC meeting is Thursday 12/13 at MS556,mostly if interested in the new North Greenpoint school plan -which is to build a school on a toxic site and feel concerned about it, please come to the meeting. The goal is to relocate the school.

Next SLT meeting, Monday 12/17 at 4pm. Any issues you want to discuss please come.

Lobby Day Camp in Albany, families, parents, PTA go up there in Albany to discuss issues such as mental illness, etc..

Erica mentions this father from school who wrote to the Mc Golrick Park association that there's a lot of money put into renovating the park but none for the bathrooms that are in dire need of renovation as well. The letter works as a petition, each parent is welcome to sign it to push for the bathroom's renovation that has been completely ignored in the whole new construction.

Principales Report - Ms Cano

Ms Cano explains the projected enrollment : the school has to apply every year for a projected enrollment r. Last year the school projected a number that is now below what the school has. We anticipated 540ish students and we have 13 more, almost 560 children. The good news is that the school received additional funds to cover for these 13 students. Money for books, ressources, teachers

In 13 years, we almost double the number of children. Thank you for supporting the school and understanding the mission and trusting us with your children . We're very proud

Gifted and Talented Test .Until January 13th to register your child.

District has just one program - PS132 is the only school in the district that has seats for Gifted and Talented kids

Advises to visit the classroom and class in case your child passes the test to make sure it's a good match.

Kindergarten registration is now open until January 12th. Even though your child is in Pre-K at pS110, the registration is mandatory.

Pre-K registration will start in January.

Reminds that if a child is registered as French, the child will be assessed for understanding and talking French.

Stresses out the fact that the French Dual Language Program is rigorous and requires a lot of discipline. The kids who started in Kindergarten start showing some struggle in 2nd grade. Double homework and rigor of the program. A lot of work.

NITS and LICE:

Ms Cano : as soon as the school is informed that a child has nits or lice, the school checks that class and sibling classes. Given that a parent informs the school as soon as it happens.

The 4th and 5th graders were checked twice.

DOE requires that if a child has nits they are allowed to stay at school (before it required that the child goes home but since it affected the attendance rate, DOE stopped that). Parents are notified for nits. If louse are found, a parent is called, and the child must go home.

In the last several days, Amy and aides have checked 600 heads. The nurse is also not obligated by the Doe to check heads. time consuming and requires a lot of people .

Information was posted on the portal, letter was sent on Monday. Though it doesn't mean it will eradicate completely nits and lice.

Amy : this is not an epidemic, this is happening every year in every school in daycare, at friends' house, et..

Then it was a long debate regarding the lack of direct communication of the school versus the responsibilities of the school. Some parents felt that the school should have informed parents right away, school replied by saying it did check everyone in a short period of time while this is not the job of the school to take staff away from work to check heads.

Also, it was brought up that after-school programs, and other activities, vacations, sleep over can spread the lice and nits, not only the school and that it is the parents' responsibilities at the end to check their kids' heads.

The idea of hiring a company like Edamama or Licender's to check heads during lice seasons was brought up.

Ms Cano tempered the debate by offering to improve the communication in the future when that kind of issue arises.

Meeting was over when Edamama's guest speaker arrived to educate and answer questions on how to prevent and cure nits and lice. This conversation is available on audio recording.

Update on the Multi Cultural Holiday Festival : Magali presents an update