

PTA Meeting 01/09/2019, 8:30am

Erica Young, President
Stephanie Arsham, co-Secretary
Ms Cano, Principal
Amy Chalkey, Parent Coordinator

Erica opens with reminder about the upcoming events :

Cineschool 01/12 - for which there's still a need for volunteers for setting-up, running the ticket sales, donating foods.

Feb 9 Cine School

March 9th – FUN!Raiser - Black and Gold Party

March 23 - Cine school

We are still seeking chairs for the Book Fair, the FUN!Run, and the Sock Hops. All fun, hands on events.

The PTA Co-Treasurers could not be present. Erica mentions that the PTA reached 65% of the Direct Giving budget amount. On NY Eve and NY day we got a generous donation of \$2,500 and \$1,000! We are in good shape.

Regarding WITS, Erica gives an update on the current audit: they just need to see one check to close this audit, and they can say that so far, no wrong doing has been reported. They checked all the notes, bills, and checks.

Shannon Clare, former PTA President- voices out that she was never called or reached out regarding this audit. Erica offered to have her email whatever document she thinks would be important for the audit.

Nathalie Charles gives an update on the upcoming Cine School and asks for volunteers.

Fleur Childs, co-chair of the FUN!Raiser, reminds us of the FUN!Raiser committee meeting tomorrow, Thursday, then another one every 2 weeks.

March 9th is the black and gold party. Still in need of auction items: looking for any skills, classes, gym, any Christmas gifts parents would like to recycle, and also in dire need of food donation.

Lisa Leonard Lee, co-chair of Wellness and Sustainability, reports that not much is happening right now, but there will be a meeting on Jan 24th after drop off.

Lori talks about the Gardening Committee, reminding of the meeting next week. There also will be a launch of the Green Library, with the goal to expand green books. If any parent wants to donate green books or videos feel free to donate!

Tiffany reports that the Monitor Garden is quiet since it is winter.

Yuli Fisher presents the Advocacy Committee - January 23rd at 8.30am is the next meeting. Topics of discussion: north greenpoint school (trying to have it relocated since it would be built

on a toxic site). Possibly a community exchange between PS23 and PS110 to support each other. A father from the school works for school construction authority and has been helpful in determining our ideas of a capital project. An update on the AC installation - Ms Cano intervenes saying that the electrical update should be done by the end of January. The money for the AC units has left Albany and is in the DOE, now we just need to get it to the school.

If you are interested in participating in Lobby Day in Albany, come to the PTA President's Council meeting next Thursday 1/17, 9am @ PS118 on Maujer St. They have been talking about doing a potential Lobby Day action representing D14.

CEC's election is between February 14 and March 6th - during which it's open for registration before the election in May.

Erica fills in for Bronwyn regarding Charity Buzz, explaining what the online auction site is about and how we're looking for experiences, internships and unique items to offer online. Last year it raised 10k so we're looking for -at least - the same goal.

Friday January 11th is PS110 Spirit day, along with College Awareness day (across the city). Staff will wear their alma mater gear as a way to promote education and show that college is accessible to all. Students will support our school and wear PS 110 gear. Erica mentions there are shirts and sweatshirts for sale, but also less expensive items such as pins, buttons, and tattoos. We are looking to order more merchandise soon. Amy mentions that some parents have been wanting to purchase merchandise, so we created a sign with prices and a contact email to set up a shopping session.

Erica mentions that the Audit Committee is looking for one more person - it's important we find this person. The audit will begin in mid March.

Ms Cano reminds parents about the deadline for Kindergarten applications: Monday January 14th. Current pk families must reapply for kindergarten. Pre-K registration starts February and lasts until March 15. There are 250 applicants for our 100 kindergarten seats. The school is steadily growing.

An invitation only after school program will begin to support students who need some extra help. Plus, four Saturday classes for 3rd-5th graders prior to state assessments. We are working on building their stamina for sitting for the tests.

Ms Cano reminds us to read every day – eyes on print – to help students reach their grade level reading level. Every 2nd grader needs to leave on level, because research shows after 2nd grade it is harder to catch up. Kindergarteners are currently being assessed and will start to bring book baggies home.

G&T testing is happening right now, pk off site, others here with Mr. Jensen. Administration does not receive the results. If your child takes the test, please feel free to share the results with your child's teacher.

Promotion in doubt letters will go out mid February. Parents should ask their teachers – how can I help my child, and what are you doing to help my child?

Parents need to dress their children in appropriate weather gear as we continue to go outside for recess. Please label items as the lost and found is overwhelmingly full.

We are also reminded to arrive on time as being late is extremely disruptive for both the child and the class.

A generous grandparent is paying for the kindergarten art residency (Latin Dance) for all classes. He is passionate about blood donors, and has asked to partner with us. So, we will be hosting a blood drive in the late spring.

2nd grade started their musical theater residency and 4th grade started ballroom dancing. 5th graders will start Shakespear soon. Also, 3rd-5th graders all received a recorder and have been practicing. They are all very excited.

Final note, Ms Cano has been in the cafeteria with Chef Wally from WITS and seen all of the great tastings and salad bar and its great to see the children participating.

OPEN FORUM:

Going outside? Are all PK classes going out? Ms Cano will confirm that children are going out daily.

How does a lock down drill work? Ms Cano explained that there is a soft lock down and a hard lock down. Language used is age appropriate and words like 'keeping us safe' are used – we practice to keep safe.

Debate for 4th and 5th? The next debate is in the spring and we will be talking with students soon.

Chorus? Yes, Mr. Monaghan is working on it.

December minutes were approved.

Meeting adjourned. Reminder that there will be a night meeting.