

**PS110 - PTA MEETING SUMMARY**  
**MARCH 6TH, 2019**

**In Attendance**

Erica Young, PTA President

Shelly Garinther, Co-Secretary

Marcus Keyzer , Co-Treasurer

Ms Raciunas, Assistant Principal

Tanya Kotov, Co-Treasurer

Amy Chalkely, Parent Coordinator

Stephanie Arsham, Co-Secretary

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Welcome

President's Report - Erica Young

Erica opens the meeting and presents the by-laws which will be voted on that morning.

Afterschool program for extra support has begun - still availability - talk to Ms Raciunas if you are interested.

Parent Teacher conferences are next Thursday - early dismissal at 11.30am

Parents Survey will be distributed please fill it out! We need 100% participation

By-laws amendment vote- only changes made were within the standing committees - names and descriptions were updated. Voted in favor

Communication : numerous discussions about communication within the SLT

Two solid options - Class Dojo and Parent Square. Class dojo would be free, but limited in use. Parent Square would be a set up fee and \$5 per student. But it offers a lot of nice features that parents would find useful. Both are apps and desktop. The goal is to have it up and running in September.

The music room got their 2 Keyboards and 4 stands delivered!

Our Air Conditioning money is here! We will move forward in getting the installation scheduled.

### Important Upcoming Dates

- Family Night is cancelled tonight - Amy is sick
- This Saturday is our Black and Gold FUN!raiser party
- March 23rd is the next CineSchool
- Book fair starts in April, we'll soon be looking for volunteers.
- May 5th Yankee Game - purchase tickets
- May 10th tentative date for our Monitor Garden Opening Ceremony from 5-7pm
- May 11th Brooklyn Wide PTA Fun Run - PTAs all over Brooklyn run and the all the schools that have at least 20 participants will get a portion of the profits. Shelly explains that a portion of this money gets distributed to low income schools and other in need schools. Bring kids, scooters, it is a fun family day.
- May 14th is our PS110 Fun Run
- May 16,17,20 will be our sock hops for our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders
- 3rd-4th-5th Grade Testing :
  - April 2-3-4th : ELA Sate
  - May 1,2,3 : Math State
  - May 22-31 Science Lab =4th grade only. For a week science lab and June 3rd is the writing test

### Treasurer's Report - Erica Young

Alison talks about Direct Giving - we're down about 12K from last year so please make a one time donation or monthly one (only 19 families are doing a monthly donation)

Treasurers traveling but here are some numbers : that show we're pretty in good shape:

- Fall fest was budgeted for 9K we did \$9,667 Expenses budgeted : \$500 we spent \$762
- MCHF : budgeded 7K and we raised \$7,647 Expense budgeted at 1K but spent only \$623
- Cine school has a great momentum \$1,504 and one more event to go!

- Company match is a good donation since there's no expense attached to it! If you know a company that could match your donation?
- Same for school photos and Amazon Smile : we get a portion of the sales - no expense!

Total : we're in good shape

Charity Buzz auctions are up and running!

We have a kindergarten family paying for a portion of the Kinder Art Residency Program, saving us 5-7K. Shannon Clare is asking where we will spend this extra money. Erica responds that nothing has been decided yet until we see some more firm numbers. Then we will have a discussion.

Ms Raciunas : talks about the 8 weeks residency

Reminder : Camp Fair April 3rd

### Committee Updates

- FUN!Raiser : Fleur presents the FUN!Raiser. Reminder - Buy 2 tickets and get the 3rd one for free = it will allow our friends, parents, to attend, we want as many people as possible. All teachers are comped with a guest. Black and Gold dress code. There will be gold face painting booth. Items are up, Auction is live - you don't have to be at the party to bid. 3 piece live Jazz band + Kaki King will perform. Punch cards for purchase for drinks. Photo booth. Food and dinner buffet. Feel free to bring food, cookies, etc.
- Film Committee - Next and final event is march 23rd 1-2pm set up. Activities for kids. Please come help.
- Wellness Committee - Hannah: Lunch day participation was a success. Extra 100 kids participating that day. Next meeting Friday afternoon. Will start another lab: Soil testing soon. Look out for information.
- Green Committee - Lori: Next Thursday at drop off there will be a meeting. New initiative : District Wide Green Group soon to be created in District 14 - if interested to join we want to join and share resources about what other schools are doing, if you have friends interested let her know. Tiffany : Sent out a request for Library suggestions. We had 4 people making suggestions about friendly

green books, we need more titles so we extended our deadline to get some more ideas of books - new deadline is mid-march . Another email will go out. The garden program is ramping up in the spring next month. We offer a fertilizing program and tentative day for a garden party will be May 10th. Ms Fortunato gets the kids out to the garden. We need support ! We have a vibrant committee but we could use more support - thank you. Erica takes over: The Monitor Garden was a play yard that had the ground painted as a football field. We'd like to clean it up and re-do it to add to the space. We are currently getting price quotes from professional power washing companies. We don't want to spend a fortune, we need to consider what our long term goal is for the space and how to best spend money. Current pricing would be \$6-7k. Possibly participatory budget next year?

- Advocacy Committee - Yuli: The next CEC meeting next Thursday and March 23rd Thank you for participating in Black Lives Matter.
- Merchandise Committee - new merchandise coming soon - so far a big success but markup is not amazing.
- Book Fair Committee - Shelly: please bring in used books. Book Fair will be held April 8-12th. Authors visits, book fair schedule and call to volunteer to go out soon.
- Audit committee - Erica: Asks again about a volunteer for the audit committee - Shannon Clare offered to help.

Miscellaneous comments :

Suggestions for a cultural change in Valentine's day. Some parents suggested to cut the candies from the gifts kids make to each other.

The issue with the hoax Momo was mentioned. Some parents worried about it but it was confirmed, it's a hoax.

March meeting minutes are approved.

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