

PS110 - PTA MEETING

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In Attendance

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Emily, PTA Co-Treasurer

Tiffaney McCannon, PTA President

Shelly, PTA Secretary

Annie, PTA Co-Treasurer

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TIFFANEY - Hi everybody. It is 8:31 and we know that your time is precious so we're going to get this show on the road. We have a special speaker here today. Alison Currier is here. She's a community organizer and she's going to be speaking about the grand opening of the Domino Park which is going to be amazing resource in the neighborhood

ALISON CURRIER - DOMINO PARK OPENING

TIFFANEY - Thank you so much for coming today. So Mrs Cano is not able to be with us today to give her final principal's report of the year. The superintendent is here today so she is with her. So we're going to move right along to the senior leadership team elections.

SLT ELECTIONS - TIFFANEY

We have three people running today and there are three position so this is an uncontested election. We vote by show of hands and since Annie and I are running Emily will do this.

EMILY - So it is Hannah Cinnelli, Tiffaney McCannon, and Annie Murphy. So if we can have a show of hands. So we just need to count, so 17.

TIFFANEY - Ok so we're just gonna move right along because there's also a Presidents Council meeting for district 14th that I'm supposed to be at later on. I'm gonna turn it over to Shannon and Emily with the budget presentation. We weren't told that we were going to be down here until this morning.

BUDGET - EMILY

This is not certainly not ideal but we can send out the budget with the minutes. We do need to vote on it today. What I will do is I'll run down all the line items and I'll just say what the numbers are for the revenue and expenses. I'll just say what this year to-date actuals are, as of the end of may, and what we budgeted for next year. Probably the best way to do this is if I can just run all the revenue and then if anyone has questions just jot them down as I go and you can ask them at the end. Then I'll run down the expenses and you can ask questions at the end. And Shannon you can add as we go.

So here we go. We are talking first about revenue, so income. The first line item is direct giving. This year already, to date, we've made over almost \$52,000 which is pretty incredible and next year we budgeted \$45,000. There was one \$10,000 donation that we're not sure that will get next year so you know we were a little bit modest with that. There's also company matching this year it was about \$3,700. Next year we budgeted \$3,000. Grant money, this year we received a grant from the Walentas Foundation, \$17,500. We don't have any guarantee of that next year so we put zero dollars in the budget. If we get additional grant money, fantastic, but we're not banking on it. Onto events. We have the fall fest this year we made \$10,519 next year we budgeted \$9,000. The holiday fair we are earned \$6,384 for next year we budgeted \$7,000. The annual Fun!raiser this year we are at \$44,469 next year we budgeted \$55,000. I'm not sure if that number includes the money we had for WITS. Then we have the fun run. We don't have the numbers yet for this year but last year we raised over \$13,000 so next year we budgeted \$12,000. The thought was that the fun run was sort of new last year, or at least the format was new, and we'll see what we earn this year.

EMILY - Ok, parents night out, not really a fundraising opportunity but we did bring in \$290 for next year we budgeted to \$200. The new film festival, that was instituted this year, we earned \$899. We put in \$1,500 for next year. This year we had two films and next year I think the idea is that we will have four, so we put the \$1,500. The baseball game Sunday was \$3,168 this year. We put in \$3,200 next year. You'll see on the expense side it almost balances out. So it's not like a big fundraising opportunity but more of a community building. Then we have a few other items. School pictures was \$2,177 next year we put in \$2,000. The book fair this year was \$9,480 next year we put in \$15,000. That is based on some numbers that we worked on the book fair committee with. They are also wanting to do a like a small book fair during the holidays for like a one day event. The Barnes and Noble book holiday fair we only earned about \$37 this year but we put that as part of the the big book fair line item because it will replace that. Box tops we earned \$436

this year we just put in \$250 for next year. Schoola that we put in zero. We haven't really participated in that at least this year. Amazon smile was \$719 which is fantastic. We put in \$600 for next year. The martial arts program, with the studio giving free classe to us and we are having parents give the donation to the PTA. It made \$601 this year. We put in \$600 for next year. The parents fun run in Prospect Park earned \$353. We put in \$300 for next year. The WITS program we put in, as a fundraising sort of campaign, \$8,000 on the revenue side and then \$8,000 on the expense side. Even if that goes up or down it'll always sort of offset each other. Then for merchandise, this year was pretty low \$3,365 but we're gonna have a push next year. We put in \$10,000 for the revenue for Merch. This year was a little bit of like a lul but I think that next year it will pick back up again. So that is the revenue side. You'll see on the expense side there's like some off sets of expenses for all those same category. Are there any questions.

Q: What was the total revenue?

EMILY - Oh I'm sorry you couldn't add that up in your head? This year, the revenue so far, is \$157,251 but we don't have Night of the Arts or the FunRun in there. Next year it will be \$174,150 so it's pretty close, a little higher.

SHANNON - So we did erred on the side of caution except for the Fun!raiser and the Merch. We did get the word yesterday that we will be able to set up a little store in the old PTA room, so that will help us with the numbers for the Merch. We would rather be surprised with a surplus than surprised with a deficit.

EMILY - And then also I didn't mention it but we have an a pretty good bank balance right now. We still have some expenses for this year for some of the arts programs but we have like a nice reserve of right now about \$100,000. But again we have some big expenses to hit but it's always good to know that they're sort of money in the bank for anything unanticipated. We've built that up over the past few years. That was definitely not the case like 4 or 5 years ago. OK so onto expenses. This list is a little bit longer. Administrative expenses, these are all pretty small so I don't know that I need to go over. There's like tax preparations \$1000 a year. There's some sales tax it's just a few dollars. Insurance we put in \$900. It was \$664 this year. The website expenses about \$1,200. General sort of office supplies admin supplies, that sort of thing, we put in \$2600. Bank fees we put in about \$500 for that or various fees from the different online services that we use.

Then we have the other category. The teacher and staff appreciation, I don't think we had anything yet this year. It's coming up, right. We put in \$1,300 for next year. We tend to not go up that high. Then the volunteer appreciation breakfast which is in a couple of weeks,

for all of us, we put in \$400. Classroom enrichment, we called it, this is the money we've been giving teachers and we started it this past year or the year before. The idea was to give the teachers a small amount of money to buy supplies for their classroom and then they give us the receipts. We account for it. We give them gift cards. We upped this, last year we spent \$4,275 this year and for next year we did \$10,000. The idea was to be able to provide about \$200 per teacher which also includes some money for the whole staff. So not just the classroom teachers but also the enrichment teachers and some of the office staff. The idea was, this year we've been doing it during the holidays but next year we will probably do it before the school year starts or right around the beginning of the school year so that teachers to buy extra supplies. Also with the new tax laws teachers can't write off things that they buy for their classroom, which totally stinks for them. So this is just sort of our way to like give back to the teachers and because really like that's sort of what it's all about, right. So that was our idea the \$10,000 for the teachers. The next item was outdoor classroom sustainability we put in \$1200. Then went to school equipment we put in a just \$3,000. We didn't spend any this year but it's just for like random things that the school might need like a bookshelf or, I don't know, things for the school yard or something. Next is fee assistance, this is for just financial assistance for families who might need money for school trips etc. We put in \$1000 there. Hospitality we spent \$155, next year we put an \$800. This is for like meetings where we host local assembly men and like stuff like that for the school. We put in the healthy school lunch expense, this is sort of like a placeholder, \$200. Fifth grade graduation last year actually we spent \$155 next year \$200. I think it's for balloons and like decoration. Then we have \$1,000 marketing expense for postcards etc. We have Grant expenses, this was just sort of like offsetting whatever income. We didn't put anything in the budget for next year but if we get a grant we can spend money out off of a grant obviously. Then the events. Parents night out which didn't spend anything this year, no that's wrong we did spend money this. Yeah it was \$300. So next year we put in \$300. The film festival we put in \$1,200 as an expensive because apparently they need to get the rights for the films. Oh and I missed Merch. We put in \$7,000 so the idea was for Merch was we're going to make more next year with our store so we need more inventory. Let's see, what else. Fall festival, it was really low \$500. This year we spent \$459, go rob! The holiday fair was \$670 this year. We put \$1,000 for next year. The Fun!Raiser the expense was \$6,600 this year. The big expense is the online auction. It's four or five thousand dollars and we got a stage and like various things. If you attended, I think \$6,600 was cheap actually for how amazing it was. We put \$9,000 in for next year. Then Night of the Arts we did not put anything in, no real expenses there. The FunRun for supplies we put \$500. Family night this year we spent \$355, next year we put in \$400. The Book Fair this year we spent \$7,126, next year we but \$13,000. Again we put \$15,000 for the

revenue. It's not like it's a huge moneymaker because the books cost so much money. The baseball game we put in an expensive \$2,400. This year it was \$2,210.

Then here we get to like the really big expenses which are what we were paying for, the art and other art residency. So Young Audiences of New York, this year was \$13,920 because we haven't paid it yet in full I believe. Next year we put in \$25,000. Dancing for the fourth grade \$4,600 this year. We put in \$6,000 for next year because there's additional classes coming up. They were able to like combine two of the classes this year. Theater for the a New Audience is \$5,500. The art teacher this year, ee paid \$36,619 and next year it's \$50,000 because I am she's working more than MsTaylor worked, right? And she has also gotten her masters degree. Thank you. Then Mark Morris Dance was \$5,092, next your \$5,200. The Audubon Society we paid \$1,700 this year but that's because we got like grant money for two of the three classes. Next year it's gonna be \$5,100. This year we paid for an aid for the school for \$14,000 but then the DOE so that really shouldn't be paid out by the PTA because it's not sustainable. So next year we put zero dollars but that's pretty much all off-set by the increased expense of the art teacher. Then we have a \$5,000 contingency. When all is said and done our expenses are \$171,270 with a surplus of a little under \$3,000. But emember, we still money in the bank. Any questions about the expenses or about the whole thing?

Q - Where is the Charitybuzz money in all of this?

EMILY - It's within the Gala. I think that we didn't include all the money in the \$44,000. Because there was more money. I think that's why we put next year \$55,000 for the fun raiser next year.

BRONWIN - Yeah, because there should be almost \$10,000. Just for next year, I would love to continue the CharityBuzz idea and try to get people talking about it more. It's a huge opportunity for the school. I don't think that we should necessarily tie it to the gala. I was wondering if we should form a committee

SHANNON - We didn't have a fundraiser chair this year. Tiffaney has graciously offered to be the fundraising chair next year. Perhaps this is something that could live there.

TIFFANEY - So we should talk.

ANNIE - But if you want to separate it out then we can decide that now.

EMILY - I'm fine separating it.

BRONWIN - I think we should separate it out. I don't think it should be a push just around the gala. We should always be talking about it at PTA meetings, sending out newsletters occasionally.

ANNIE - Then in even if we separated and for some reason it does end up being tied to the gala, it's still in there so it doesn't matter.

BRONWIN - And then it will be a year long thing. It just changes people's mentality about it so that it becomes an ongoing fundraising opportunity.

EMILY - I will put \$10,000 in for Charitybuzz. It's only going to be revenue, no expenses, right?

BROWNIN - We've had basically one person raise all that money, so that's ambitious. Maybe put in \$5,000.

TIFFANEY - I think five is more realistic and unless Mike keeps on working his magic.

BRONWIN - Well no, actually. If other people get involved in it, as it spreads. It's kind of a slow process.

TIFFANEY - It's something that, I think, at the very beginning of the year like during the coffee, tea, and tears that there could be a flyer handed out informing people what it is. So from the get go, people's' minds are shifted on that plane.

SHANNON - We'll just decrease the fundraiser revenue that amount.

EMILY - Sure, yeah.

BRONWIN - Then there are fees that come out as expenses, 20%

EMILY - So we should just keep the net \$5,000 right?

ANNIE - We don't write them. They take it out.

BRONWIN - And I assume that you've been receiving checks from them.

TIFFANEY - Automatic deposits. Have we? It should become coming in from Charitybuzz. Anyway we can we can discuss that because we definitely should have received money.

EMILY - How long ago was that? Oh, a month, ok. So then will look out for it this weekend.

ANNIE - I balanced the bank account this weekend and I didn't see anything so I'll look out for that.

EMILY - So I will lower the Fun!Raiser to \$50,000 and I'll put \$5,000 for CharityBuzz. Then should we just take a vote on the budget? With those changes that I'll implement and then we can send it around.

TIFFANEY - According to Chancellor's rules and regulations, the budget will be presented again in the fall in the September meeting. Just in case there are changes made over the summer but it's also just so people are aware so hopefully that meeting will take place in the auditorium and you'll be able to visually see the budget which is really helpful.

EMILY - Do we want to take a vote to pass the budget?

TIFFANEY - All in favor of accepting the budget with the changes? Yeah. Any opposed. And now I will pass it over to Yaelle for the yearly audit.

AUDIT - YAELLE

So Sandy, Reema and myself, we took the physical artifacts mentioned by the co-treasurers; the bank statements, reports from Stripe, Square, New York charities and Shopify receipts, invoices, deposit slips, notes for deposits, the PTA budget, and the print out the ledger. The audit was for the year beginning May 1, 2017 and ended with a bank statement dated April 30, 2018. The receipts, expenses, and revenues handed to the audit committee were very well organized into monthly stacks centered around the bank statement for that month. Each member of the committee claimed a bank statement month and gathered all expenses, statements, etc that appeared on the bank statement. The member in charge of that month would gather cleared check and match those to invoices or receipts for that month and check them off. The principal here being that each invoice was tied to a budget purpose and so by insuring that payment match an invoice. Once all the items in the bank statements were accounted for, the month was closed by marking it clear and put into a folder organized by a month. If any discrepancies were found, these were noted on a Post-it and attach to the bank statement. The audit committee will present an audit at the general PTA meeting in Juin, that's today. Great improvement in organizing from last year with the PTA having follow recommendations from the prior audit report. Some transactions were cleared on the bank statement for this audit period, however, the associate receipts and the bank statement were part of last year's audit, therefore, not available to reconcile. The following checks were not accompanied by a receipt: \$143.47 paid to Sarah Bean for Word Book Fair. The following checks were issued but not cleared \$40 for Rob Maer for laminating supplies and \$20.69 for Kaylee baker for fall fest supplies. The recommendations, uncleared checks from the prior years audit should be set aside and included in the following year's audit. For the purpose of auditing, the PTA records and paperwork should continued to be filed an accordion folder with each month's material grouped with one month per pocket and bonded on the bank statement with begin and end date for the month.

TIFFANEY - Do we have to accept the audit report? All in favor of accepting the audit report. Ok great. Begin all in favor of accepting the audit report and it's recommendations. It's been excepted, thank you so much.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - TIFFANEY

Ok, so we're going to move on to the presidents report. I'm just going to do a quick year in review. I'm just going to talking about some of the highlights and the really great thing is that in the middle the night I woke up and I was like I should have dollar amounts but the

fact that Emilie just went over all the dollar amounts is awesome. So I won't say our fall fundraiser, which our fall fundraiser was outstanding. Really in the last two years we went from making \$2,500 to \$6,000 to over \$10,000 this year. So that's really wonderful. First and foremost, our volunteer game this year really stepped up. This work that we do would not be possible without the parents that show up time and time and time again. I was talking with Miss Cano on the phone last night and we were trying to put like a dollar amount on all of the volunteer time that is spent at the school. It's priceless, you know, but definitely a couple million dollars just putting that out there but anyway, so thank you to everyone who shows up time and time again and for your service at the school. Emily had talked about the dollar amounts and everything but just to reiterate what the PTA pays. Our kindergartners get Latin dance. Our first graders they do drumming and they also have Mark Morris dancing. Our second grade does musical theater. Our third-graders does musical theater and the audubon society. Our fourth-graders do ballroom dancing and Shakespeare. This year on our pre-K kids were gifted yoga and WMAC art residencies and by amazing parents at the school, they were also given gardening classes. Shannon can you tell us a bit more.

SHANNON - The life cycle of trees, the parts of the plants. It was a lot about learning to observing nature to watch the differences and changes.

TIFFANEY - It's such a beautiful thing that our kids are coming in and they're getting this education and it's going to happen next year too. The fact that we have this park right across the street that just makes them little budding scientist, you know. With that, I just wanted to give a shout out to Miss Cano and Miss Raciunis. They did apply for the Walentas grant this year which was, I think, \$17,500. To help with some of the expenses for our enrichment programs that we pay for the kids and so that in turn helped us have a bigger pocket of money. So that money is there for when we really need it. Then this happen this year, too. That was an accomplishment of the PTA. We went from having our art teacher two days a week to having her three days a week . The fact that our art teacher also got her masters degree, which is phenomenal. We are also able to afford this increased expense because we were paying \$25,000 a year and that increased to \$36,000 and next year we will be paying \$50,000. So that's a huge accomplishment this year. This year all teachers and staff received a \$25 gift card and that's even including the lunch room, the custodial staff and our crossing guards. They all received a \$25 gift card for themselves. All teachers and staff, so that's even including the office staff, received a \$50 gift card to buy school supplies this year. Our teacher appreciation luncheon, we didn't do that during teacher appreciation week because they wanted to do it where they could all sit down together. So during the in-service day on Monday we're treating them to a beautiful lunch catered by Halcyon Gourmet. We definitely got some new Murch in this year and

we're trying to clear out all Merch and I'm excited to see what happens next year with the merchandise. They are hopefully going to do price points that are affordable for the kids like pencils, water cups. The AC wiring is supposed to start this summer but I was just told that we're having summer school here so that could make it difficult for them because of the asbestos removal prepping that they'll have to do. So hopefully the wiring will happen this summer Ms Cano is still trying to work that out.

Another highlight this year, we formed a partnership with PS23 which is considered an at-risk school. We started giving our lost and found or donating them to school. So every couple of months, we would make a stop and deliver books and clothes to the school that has a homeless population of 30%. We will continue that next year.

So I'm just gonna run down the events what we did this year. Our first event of the year was the second annual coffee, tea, and tea-ers. It's a community building event and it's helping parents connect with returning parents and helping new parents get plugged in. Then we had our first parents' night out at a bar, Diamond Lils, in the neighborhood. We bought the first drink for anyone who attended. It was not a fundraiser just a community building events, so again parents could get plugged in. We had several successful family nights. Our fall fest was a huge success. Our multicultural holiday fair embraced and celebrated our cultural differences. Shannon did an outstanding job, really honing in on our cultural differences and what makes us different. The film series, Natalie Charles approach me about having a film series and it really came out of nowhere. We worked with the French Embassy and we had two films and it was it's open to the public. The French Embassy also helps us advertise it and that was also something new that happen this year. The book fair, we partnered with GreenLight books and it was such a success that parents were asking for additional bookfairs so that's been worked into the schedule for next year. The Yankees game, another wonderful community building event. As a PTA we've done a lot of work with trying to get WITS - Wellness In The Classrooms at our school. We don't have a game plan necessarily for that yet but because of our work when Ms Cano and Ms Raciunas had a pocket of money they knew that this was something that the parents had been researching and looking into and they approached us and said "Hey, we're going to bring WITS in for a few days". My kid came home talking about salad dressing and salad.

AMY - I have to tell you, I went into the room during different ones because Fran had told me to stop by. She had amazing energy. It was brilliant. I think that kids were eating full plates of lettuce and asking for more and more just to try these dressings.

TIFFANEY - So it was it was an amazing thing and it was definitely not funded by the PTA but the work done by the PTA definitely help the facilitate that getting into the school. The same with the Border Crossers event that we had. If you did not have a chance to attend

that, it was an amazing discussion about how to talk about race and racism. There's an email going out today or tomorrow with the handouts from that workshop for parents to know more about. Ms Cano has talked about having a book club based around some of the themes that were talked about in that workshop for next year. So keep an eye out for that for sure. Then, this year, we normally go to politicians like the offices throughout the year to make connections because a lot of money will. So I'm going to blow through this. So we had an advocate for breakfast today. It was our first advocacy breakfast we had. Instead of going to our politicians office which I do think is very helpful to do, we invited them here. We did it late in the year. I would suggest that we do it earlier next year and the new executive board will definitely try to do that. We had a Sockhop for the third, fourth, and fifth graders. Our FunRun this year had 97% participation. That was the whole point of bringing it from Saturday to Friday so that all the kids, and they didn't have to raise money. Like 97% of our kids ran our walk at the phone and it used to be like maybe 2% so the year before we started doing this this way. And last but not least our volunteer breakfast is June 14. I'll be sending out an email for everyone all of the volunteers all the committee chairs to invite their committee members to attend this. It will be outside. I'm sorry she slept through the whole thing. So it's done. I mean like, I have other things, like Fran's many accomplishments. Here, do you want to talk about some of Fran's accomplishments? Thank you.

EMILY - The student green team was filmed by WNET for an educational video and then grant writing for Monitor Street makeover with Marnie that supported Greenpoint Environmental Fund.

HANNAH - They were applying for a big grant that would fund all sorts of upgrades for the side yard for planting and stumps and all sorts of stuff.

AMY - And Marnie is a parent here that is a garden designer.

TIFFANEY - She built the green roof on Kingsland Wildflower Garden. It's open to the public. If you have not had a chance to check out that rooftop yet, it is amazing.

AMY - I did some photo workshops last summer with Fran last year at Lentol Garden and McGolrick Park. This year we are hoping to do it at the wildflower garden.

TIFFANEY - It is amazing and they have this glass orb in the middle, like this fountain. Mac went there for Boy Scouts and I had never been there before and it was so enchanting. That would be great if some of the kids could do field trips next year. I know that they are totally open to that. It's just such an amazing space.

AMY - I know that Fran with the Green Team has done some. I know that a lot of you guys have younger kids yet but the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades do a lot with Fran and they'll go on little field trips.

EMILY- One other item here is participated in the DOE sustainability showcase with Mr. Jensen and the student Green Team.

SHELLY - There is also that lead postcard that's coming out soon. It's a postcard that a lot of parents have been working on. It's going to raise awareness throughout the community. It's going to be in the school and in a lot of other schools, at markets, and daycares. It lets parents know how to deal with lead and how to play safely outside.

TIFFANEY - Awesome. So as far as the executive board goes, Mary's not here, but Mary, myself, Annie, and Emilie will not be next part of the executive board next year but we have a fabulous executive board and you we will be in total kind, capable hands. I'm really looking forward to seeing what you guys do next year and with that I'm gonna turn it over to Amy with the parent coordinator's report.

EMILY - Can I just say one thing. All the things that Tiffany just mentioned could not have happened without Tiffany, so. What you guys don't see is that Tiffany works endless hours. Good luck! Doing all the behind-the-scenes. We have all these awesome volunteers but then there's all the stuff that people don't want to deal with, right, and so it all falls on Tiffany and she has done an incredible job. I don't know how she does it. Thank you!

ANNIE - I definitely echo that. One of the things that the PTA president handles and fields that a lot of people might not realize, as the PTA president, you get ton of inquiries from parents that are unhappy or very confused parents about a particular issue and helping to navigate that with the administration and with the teachers. That is something that she just actually handled and navigated beautifully. You probably don't know about it because she handled it so well. It also means that there is someone there for the parents who do have some frustrations or confusion or lack of clarity. So that was impressive. Thank you.

TIFFANEY - Thank you. It really has been such an amazing experience doing this. I highly recommend, if you have the bandwidth and the time. I learned so much about New York City, about the city that I live in, by doing this. I go to President Council meeting, CEC meetings, CPAC meetings and I'm just throwing this out at you, but the Chancellor's Advisory Panel, the Community Education Council and I know way more about the DOE than I ever cared to, but I am fascinated by it, I'm saddened by it, I'm excited by it. It's been such a trip. I can't believe I'm a midwestern girl and I can navigate these crazy murky waters that we are in in this city and find some resilience there. So I am just really grateful that I've had this opportunity and I'll be here forever, who knows, maybe on another round. So Amy, I'm going to turn it over to you.

PARENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - AMY

Just a couple notes really. I came in part way but tonight is Night of the Arts. Make sure that you're looking at your calendar. I will send it out again this week. I've been out of it this week. My daughter's been very sick so bear with me if communication hasn't been great this week. We have Night of the Arts. We have some graduation coming up so make sure you know these times if you have a kindergarten or pre-K. If you pre-K you're in and out of your classroom. I don't think we have any at fifth grade parents here. I've kind of given all that communication. Other than end of the year stuff, if we have any parents of incoming pre-Ker's. I am doing a meet and greet for pre-K families. You should've gotten that when you registered. It's the 11th. I did flyers. You should've gotten a flier when you registered. OK, it's first thing in the morning. There is no school but the reason we're doing it that way is so that the teachers can be there. So we can have all the pre-K teachers there. Just the end of the year is just crazy so it's an hour long and it's Monday the 11th. You can bring your child but it's obviously for the parents but because it's a days off you're allowed to bring your child. The last one was 8:30 but I believe it might be 9:00. I'm sorry you guys should have gotten flyers. I'll send it out again. I did a K one at 8:30 but they might've made me move it to 9:00. I have to check.

Q - What time are the kids supposed to be there tonight?

AMY - The kids are supposed to be there at 5:30 tonight.

Then this summer, I do some workshops. Some are going to be with Fran. I will be posting those. If you are a pre-K or an incoming kindergartner I send a lot of information to you guys over the summer to give updates on different things and workshop. But also, I work in the summer so all summer I put things on Facebook so follow the Facebook page. I probably won't do the portal over the summer unless it applies to things you need to know for next year. Are there any questions? There's just so much going on right now it's probably better for questions.

Q - Do we know if there are new teachers that have been hired?

AMY - I don't know. I'm sure they know. I have not been told yet. They've been doing interviews for a over a month. I'm sure it's being narrowed down. Then they'll figure out who's going to take what class.

SHANNON - They are interviewing for a new music teacher as well.

Q - I have a question, what is happening with the new music teacher?

AMY - Yeah that's what we just said. They're hiring a new music teacher. That was always the plan. It's just hard to hire midyear.

TIFFANEY - I know that they were interviewing a man and I don't know if they've offered him the job or not but it would be great to have a male teacher.

AMY - That's really exciting especially, I have a kid going to middle school now that's a whole other animal guys, and it's exciting. She's going somewhere where they have a band. It would be really cool, some of the elementary schools do have that.

Q - There is a new kindergarten teacher next year?

TIFFANEY - Madame Sutton is going on a sabbatical.

AMY - That's the only one I know. They haven't hired anyone. But just for French. There's still going to be four classes and the other three are staying. It is just a sabbatical.

SHANNON - If you haven't heard, we have a debat team now.

AMY - I could tell you about that. I am very proud because my daughter is in it. Ms Cano got a call from the district a couple months ago. MS 50, they have they have a debate team. Alot of middle schools have these debate teams. They're like the superstars in the district, MS50. That principal he wanted to bring it to some of the elementary school. So he contacted all the elementary schools in the district to see if they were interested. Ms Cano pulled 6 5th graders and they've been working with Ms Cano and Mr DiCarlo who is our math teacher but wears many hats. They went up against six other schools. It was very very rigorous and they held their own. It was on Saturdays from 8:30 in the morning untill 2:30 in the afternoon. They debated six other schools. They took the top four prizes in speaker, the top four prizes in groups, and they took the top prize as a school. So they won first prize. There's a huge trophy in the office. Our first debate team.

TIFFANEY - They were so nervous. The PTA gave them t-shirts.

AMY - Yes that was amazing. Tiffany came out and gave them t-shirts. They were so excited. They did have a fourth-grade team so I don't know what the plans are but I'm sure it is to grow it because I mean, her and I were crying. So that's gonna happen. I think that's gonna be a yearly thing and it will grow.

TIFFANEY - Also, Emily Campbell who just left, the co-treasurer, her son, District 14 has an art competition. So her son Kyran won the entire art competition for District 14. So there was an award ceremony last night.

AMY - I just got I just got her's and I think there are some other kids though and I need to get those. We'll figure it out. Do you want to tell them about Saturday.

KINGA - Amy will send out some information, there is a pretty cool event this Saturday at McGolrick Park by the Polish Cultural Institute. It is going to be a lot of different things connected to the earth.

AMY - I did get a separate email last night. I got a separate email last night from the artist who is creating that the piece that I am in the center of the park and a lot of our children contributed to it. So she sent me something separate so maybe I will put them both up.

KINGA - They are going to have a jazz concert all these pretty cool unusual things. Some sort of like nature inspired things and like Greenpoint song singing.

AMY - I'll post that as well on Facebook. There's a lot to go out today so check all of your emails.

TIFFANEY - Does anyone have any other announcements? We need to vote on the minutes. Does anyone want to check them out because we are about to vote on them. OK, all in favor? Anyone against? Ok, approved. So thank you so much and this is been wonderful, thank you. They're so many faces that are here time and time again. I love your shoes so anyway. We'll see you all next year and we'll see you tonight!