

PS110 - PTA MEETING SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 7TH, 2018

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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Principales Report - Ms Raciunas

- Gifted and Talented Testing Reminder - November 9th is the last day to apply for testing Pre-K through 2nd grade.
- Family Tuesdays for Pre K will happen twice a month. Letters will be sent home.
- Parent Teacher Conferences happening Thursday November 15th

Presidents Report - Erica Young

- Presents SLT meeting coming up. Available SLT spot for a parent. Happens at 4pm on the 4th Monday of the month.
- Recap of the Fall Carnival - Raised over \$9,000. Erica welcomed questions and comments about how to improve the festival. A mother asked about how to improve the prizes given to the kids. Sarah Duford is now talking and explains that it's been controversial to either use candies or junky plastic prizes. Discussions. Tiffany intervened to explain that the school is willing to get better prizes but it's hard to find volunteers to source those. Sarah suggested that we might not need prizes ? Open to suggestions. She mentioned also that we're really lacking volunteers, at least 15 more people were needed at that Festival. Some volunteers never showed up. Any help is big and Sarah pushed for more volunteers then thanked all the people who helped.
- Upcoming events : SLT Vote Monday November 19th. Reach out to Yuli for nominations.
- Communication - update on The Scoop Newsletter.
- Presented the upcoming events : FUNRaiser March 9th

Committee Chairs

- FUN!Raiser looking for a co-chair for the gala. Fleur gave an update on the FUN!Raiser, asking if someone is interested to be co-chair to manage the auction. She presented what the gala is about.
- MCHF : Magali co-chair - December 8th from 1-4pm

- Book fair also looking for a co-chair - open for a week. In the basement, it's like a pop-up, where parents and kids can shop. Doesn't require a lot of planning so easy to help any day. Week of April 8th.
- FUN!Run : May 14th in the morning, each class runs around McGolrick Park - Need a chair to organize it.
- SockHop - after state testing.
- FUN!Raiser : Gala in LIC. Saturday March 9th. Auction items, tickets to sale and raffle. Last year raised 50K. There's a Theme each year. No kids. Teachers welcome.
- Chairs meetings to organize are coming up, feel free to inquire about them.

Budget

- Update on Money : Doing good. Presented the budget. Any parent can make a monthly or yearly donation through NYCharities. School is seeking \$290/child.
- Presented the budget : money is coming in.

Meetings and events coming up:

- Wellness meeting Thursday Nov 8th.
- Bulb Planting event Sunday
- Advocacy meeting next wednesday
- School Tour meeting next wednesday
- Greening committee
- Parents Teacher's Day
- Picture' retake day
- SLT vote on Nov 19th in the morning
- SLT meeting on Nov 19th at 4pm
- Family Tuesdays - every second Tuesday for PreK parents.
- Community Engagement Breakfast
- MCHF meetings happening every Wednesday - sheet by the door to sign up to volunteer.

Parent Coordinator's Report - Amy Chalkey

- Presented family night, with a special guest - musical theatre class for kids.
- Picture retake day after Thanksgiving -Question was asked about the option if we don't love either picture, can we pick between the 2 takes or we have to get the retake picture. We avoid that option but we can pick the favorite between the 2.
- Family Tuesday starting - tries to accommodate everyone.

Secretary report - Shelly Garinther + Stephanie Arsham

- Presenting a new way to register the minutes : we will now be recording the minutes and we'll present a summary. If you want to go into details, listen to the audio or go to the website. It was an unanimous vote so it was approved.

CEEC Meeting is on this Thursday : State officials are meeting to discuss where the money should be spent

Multicultural Holiday Fair - Magali

- Presented the different rooms : musical chair, story room, face paintings, mural, with Santa Backdrop, and explained her needs of volunteers.

Garden Committee - Tiffaney

- Presented the garden, the chair, initiative, teachers participate in the garden and bring class- presented the Sunday bulb painting event .
- Greening committee with Lori, ask for parents to come and discover and help more.

Fundraising CharityBuzz - Bronwyn

- Presents the platform CharityBuzz , online auction, and how it works , how to bid, etc.. The specific about this online auction is that anyone In the states can bid, not only the parents from the school, so it brings more attention and hopefully more bids.

Question asked regarding how to get goodies donations and raffle prize . Sarah Duford talked and explained how parents can help; by baking, giving time, etc.. Think about a raffle prize, not be afraid to ask restaurants, asking via emails also is working, etc..

Helping by giving food time,

Question was asked regarding the Parent's rights to have the kids photographed for social media or not. Parents have control over this and there's a paragraph about this in the by-laws

Question about possibly moving the PTA meetings to the mornings :

Amy explained that the school tried years ago but because the turn out was low when the school tried to move meetings to the evenings, meetings have been kept in the morning.

Parent suggested to let parents vote on that through a poll.

Tiffaney mentioned that this morning shows how great the turnout is now with this meeting, to show that morning works better.

Erica suggests to do a ballot.

Also, other ideas were suggested in order to get more volunteers. Ask friends to help, maybe a raffle per class like some other schools do, anything that can drive people to help. The school cannot reach out to parents directly (DOE rules) so parents have to volunteer and reach out to the school.

Question about installing security cameras. Yuli, Ms Raciunas and Tiffaney explained that the school is not considered high-risk. Also the DOE would need to approve and install the cameras. Since high-risk schools all don't have cameras, PS110 would not get one anyway.

Parent offered to install the cameras himself, PTA explained that it's not possible, the DOE has to since it's a public school building. Yuli suggests this parent to show up at the CEEC meeting and bring this up. Amy reinforces that point. Tiffaney suggests to discuss participating budget with officials, and ask restaurants to accept cameras and install them in the area.

Same parent asked about language class : if possibility to have other language than italian. He mentions that the italian teacher makes kids nervous. Ms Racinuas answers that language class is already hard to get in the public school system, PS 110 is lucky to have a full-time teacher. Erica says Italian is the 4th most learned language. Tiffaney explains that too.

The October minutes were approved unanimously .

Meeting was over.