



November 16, 2016

### Executive PTA Meeting

#### President's Report

- Math books that we agreed to pay for at last general meeting are now here and will be distributed among the school (second volume).
- We have paid for and completed one art residency to date – and the architecture residency will start for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in January.
- The band has started but is structured different from last year.
- We still have money coming in from the direct appeal, we seem to be in good shape financially but should continue to push.
- Ms. Karyn is very happy with the floor that the PTA paid for, for the dance studio.

#### After School

- Our focus has been hiring the new musical director for the play and we also hired an assistant director; Rachel will be in the roll of Director. And we believe they'll be a great time. Trevor will come back as the musical director. The show will be Annie. We hope to hire a art director that could lead the children in creating the props.
- Financially we are basically on track and enrollment is where we would anticipate it would be.

#### Volunteer Committee

- A survey went out last year, and we've gotten a good response, especially people with cars that will assist in the thanksgiving contributions.
- There are parents who have volunteered with various skill sets, including arts, personal development and music and marketing. Discussion of the various skills and where they can be utilized.

#### Fifth Grade Committee

- We are coming together to decide how we will collect dues and we've done 3 fundraisers and we've made about \$3,500 to date (Fall Fest, PT Conferences sold t-shirts).

#### Arts Committee

- The second grade has done a residency with the American Ballet Theatre, and we are planning for what's coming up.
- Discussion of how to streamline the residencies and the process.

#### STEM

- The Bio Bus has been booked and each class will be able to work with them and will be a part of the science curriculum.



- The 1<sup>st</sup> grade is going to do the sustainability residency and we are not sure if the other grades have scheduled their residencies.
- There is a 1<sup>st</sup> grade mom that has volunteered to do the boards around the school, we've suggested she do a fundraising board (and others like library, dance, etc.). She will also do the outdoor announcement board.

### **Fundraising**

- The Taste of Brooklyn netted \$9,700, so was a success. We have a few things coming up including a camp fair (where the vendors pay a fee in February) and we are also starting to focus on the auction and set goals.
- We will attend a meeting for the capital fund, to find out how to apply for the STEM lab (will combine with the library and a media center).
- We will also do holiday cards created by the children.
- One of the parents in the school has volunteered to create a Instagram page – discussion on the parameters around pictures – they wouldn't focus on pictures of kids but community events that we sponsor. It would be a public page and a way to reach out to the community.
- Fall Fest made approximately \$8,000 and the bake sale made about \$1,200.

### **Principal's Report**

- The seminar "Why is it so hard to talk about race?" went really well, and we felt like people want more. I've met with a group to discuss what training we can provide for teachers, regarding culture and race. And we can build on that in the community (friends of 261).
- The Band – confirmed that the school will pay for it. The costs is \$40,000 – and I will evaluate them and see how it goes. We have added the Young Composers.
- We will review the budget to see if there is any way to squeeze out another AP (someone strong in curriculum). Someone who can be hands on in each classroom.

Meeting adjourned.