



Executive PTA Meeting

April 27, 2017

8:00 am

President's Report:

- Approval of minutes with the following change: will add paragraphs and update last paragraph to say "step" and not "stop".
- Welcome to our new two committees Social Action and Wellness.
- Three set of elections this year, CEC (community education council), PTA and SLT. For the CEC the only person who can vote are the secretary, president and treasurer. CEC is focused on overcrowding and desegregation. The SLT is more academically focused. For the PTA executive board elections are coming up – we will have several open positions and please reach out to people (we want to continue to have a diverse group).
- We have a committee of lawyers reviewing our by-laws and we're finding this very useful and will update, including the co-president law.
- We will need all of the budgetary information from committees so we can put together the budget for next school year.

After School Committee

- From a budget perspective it appears we'll be flat this year – there are more children in need of financial aid, it's trending at 92 – we are thinking of increasing the cost to \$22 in September. We will need also to increase the salaries.
- The musical is going well, the costs of the tickets will be \$8.
- We've updated our snacks, they are healthier and we've been able to save on the costs by using resources from the DOE.
- We are working to get additional funding for the after school so will reach out to get demographic information about the school.

Fundraising

- The direct appeal is approximately 83K – we are using the fund to do a robotic residency for the 2nd grade, and we will need to put to this to vote.
- Brought in 64,000 with the Spring Auction – we're thinking already about more ways to bring in more.
- The read-a-thon brought in approximately \$6,000.
- We will do a movie night on June 3rd, will be about \$5 per child, it will be outside.
- We had 270 children come to the Nets basketball camp, they are willing to do it next year. And said they were willing to do another program called the Nets to School.
- PS 261 with the Cosmos on June 9th. And the 4th grade course will sing the national anthem.



- The New York Jets have approached us to do a project as well.
- The goal next year will be 125K for the direct appeal. Can use it to pay for teaching assistants, and the technology goals and the garden program and new furniture for the classrooms.
- We are going to put up a full-time PS 261 store on-line and will have the 4th and 5th graders involve with the on-line store.

Social Action

- Mission to build relationships across differences through creating programs and advocacy.
- At the beginning of May we will have tables outside to let people know about our new committee and publicize the potluck.
- We haven't discussed our budget yet, but will do so.
- And will work with the Wellness committee for the Family Picnic on June 10th.

Principal's Report

- The chancellor came and brought someone along with her to tour the school – it went really well, and a positive piece is our diversity and arts.
- Anita (District Superintendent) came to officially appointment me as principal.
- We will need another assistant principal.
- We continue to have pregnancy leaves and will have to plan for them. And Ms. Kim is retiring.
- Teacher Appreciation – we are in process of renovating the Teacher's Lounge, it's been painted and we'll get new furniture May 8 – 12th is appreciation week. We'll have breakfast and unveil the room that week.