



GEN PTA MEETING MINUTES
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Vote to approve

- January Minutes - APPROVED

Principal's report

- March 14 walkout – positive feedback. Parents spearheaded the march. 5th grade leading. Safety at school – Jackie/Sandra working on security and how to make our safer
- Peer Mediation Program – 3rd to 5th graders. Picked kids that were recommended that weren't involved in other extracurricular activities.
- Lunch time – Deer Mountain has been successful, has to be monitored. A few counselors have been moved out due to jobs, so new counselors have been transitioning in and training.

President's Report

- Exec Board outreach. Elections coming up in April or May. Afterschool Chair, President, Secretary, Co-Treasurer

Fundraising
Committee

- Auction – April 12. We are at 70K in auction donation, but still need more. 80's themed. Email beth.benjamin and aaron

Afterschool Report

- Spring Apps by end of the week, beginning of next week. Apps due Mar 29.
- New June payment policy – bc we've had issues with payment at the end of the year, so June payment is due upfront.
- New Classes –
 - Everyday Athletes – Parkour
 - Mindfulness Class – Hocus Pocus Focus
 - Book Club
 - Paper Bag Project
- Lion King Musical – May 18-19-20. Tickets e-sale. Preorder of flowers

Wellness
Committee

- Girls resilience workshop April 18

Social Action
Committee

- Border Crossers workshop – well attended and facilitated. Informative and emotional. Looking forward to the next steps. Parents with younger kids need to the vocabulary to help talk to their kids about race.
- March 24 response to gun violence in Manhattan
- Opt Out workshop – Mar 21 6pm. Testing for 3rd, 4th, 5th grades. Workshops deals with issues on equity. Workshop will be recorded.

SLT Committee

- Homework survey. For parents and teachers. Will be sent via email and hardcopy.

Book Committee

- Goal is to get as many books into the hands of teachers and children
- Dollar bookfair – more book donation this year than previous years, raised \$2K



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- Read-a-thon – raised over \$8k. Half of the money is donated 1st book.
 - Diverse book list – 30 page list of books that featured diverse characters. More relatable, everyday books. Teachers will now have a reference of what books needed in their classrooms.
 - Book talk – We have a ton of learning leaders that are trained in book talk. Now trying to figure out how to replenish some of the books. 10 kids per group. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade who can handle additional assignment and can hand critical discussions about a book.

Arts Committee

- Arts week update - March 17. Looking for volunteers.

STEM Committee

- Science Fair – required for 4th and 5th grade. Opening up to 3rd grade. Need volunteers. April 24

5th Grade
Committee

- Final dues payment – Mar 15