



GENERAL PTA MEETING AGENDA
APR 17, 2019 8:30AM, AUDITORIUM

Vote to approve

- March Minutes – APPROVED

President's Report

- Announcement of PTA Executive Board Elections for 2019-20 school year to be held on Thurs May 23 at 8:30am
- Appointment of PTA Nominating Committee – looking for nominees
- PTA Questionnaire Results – print out circulated
- Introduction of Presentations on Gardening and Lunch/Recess Programs
- Lunch & Recess – working closely with afterschool and Jackie to shave money off our portions and having administration help out
- D15 Community Education Council Elections: Meet the Candidates Forum on Mon, 4/29 at 6:45pm at MS839 in Kensington

Treasurer's Report

- P&L report year to date (attached)

Fundraising Committee

- Spring Auction is on Thursday, 5/9
- Beth Doran presented – tickets going on sale 4/18 – 5/1
- People who volunteer - \$25 tickets
- Tickets go on sale this week
- Donations and volunteers still needed
- Contact: Alyssa Becker / 261fundraising@gmail.com

SLT Report

- Planning a Community Forum to share school goals and progress from the Comprehensive Education Plan, and to gather input for 2019-2020
- Discussing the role and impact of homework and independent projects on students through a lens of equity.
- The next SLT meeting is on Friday, 5/3 at 7:30am in the library. All are welcome.

Afterschool Committee

- Spring enrollment: 398 children against 325 budgeted for the year,
- Financial aid expenditures of ~\$125K to date closely match the forecast: 56 families, 68 children, or 17% of the enrollment population.
- Musical tickets will be sold online through Brown Paper Ticket (\$11.34 including fees). Limited ticket presale for families of children in musical (main cast, musical bunch and stagecraft) will open on 5/1 thru 5/5. General box office will open on 5/6.
- Next Set Building/Decorating day is 5/4 at 10:30.
- 5/11 is mandatory dress rehearsal for main cast.
- Aurelia Duke and Sadie Ishee are stepping down as co-chairs next year and naming Nancy Nayar and Sophia Straker-Babb for the next election.
- Afterschool Treasurer Tate Hausman is looking for someone to take over his role when his kids graduate, preferably a younger grade parent with bookkeeping experience or running a small business.

Book Committee

- Spring Author Series continues with Newbery honoree Veera Hiranandani (THE NIGHT DIARY) and author Patricia McCormick (I AM MALALA) both visiting 5th grade.
- We are working with Lauren the Librarian to fill diversity gaps in our library collection and finding ways to get teachers more books for their classroom libraries.
- **Love books, literacy, and the library?** Please join our next Book Committee meeting Monday, 5/6, at 8:30am in the library or contact Danielle Conray (danielle.conray@gmail.com) or Jenny Fox (jfox76@gmail.com) to find out ways—small or large—you can help!

Garden Committee

- Garden session begins this week for all grades and will carry through until yr end
 - Thursday 5/9 – Friday 5/10 - Plant sale to help support the garden program
 - Kim presented history of our garden:
 - Program was launched in 2017-18
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- Education piece handled by City Growers
 - Hired Hillary Horowitz from City Growers – anchors her lessons around curriculum-based science lessons for K & 1st
 - Surveyed the teachers - they wanted a hands on experience for 2-5
 - Garden is an outside classroom. All neighborhood public schools have garden programs. It's a great outlet for kids who don't learn well in a traditional setting.
 - Program costs about \$29k; applied for grants to help cover the salary

STEM Committee

- Saturday 5/4 - Final Super STEM Saturday 10:30-12pm
- It will be held in the Kindergarten yard and will have different stations with fun Star Wars-themed STEM activities.

Wellness Committee

- Wellness Council
- Monthly Fruit and Vegetable Tastings
- June is Save the Ocean Month
- Spoons Across America continues next year in grades 1-5

5th Grade Committee

- 5th grade committee made good \$\$ at the Science Fair and can now proceed to plan our party with a good conscience.
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