



PTA Meeting January 29th, 2018

Attendees: Jasmine Galia, Grace LiMandri, Christianne Tomao, Patricia Salamone, Jovan Rashford, Carol Leone, Erica D'Urso, Erin Burmester, Susan Weir, Chrissy Tzorbatzoglou

Speaker: Jasmine Galia, President

Mrs. Galia stated we have met the quorum for the PTA meeting of 8 people. She asked the room to please take the sheet listing all the finances on the interim report. She asked the room to waive the minutes to be read from last month's meeting: all in favor – YES 21/21. Mrs. Galia turned the meeting over to Mrs. Dimilta.

Speaker: Anna Dimilta, Principal

- Safety
- Other updates
- Teacher training
- Test prep
- Fundraisers
- Music residency
- Questions

Safety: Town Hall Safety Meeting

Mrs. Dimilta mentioned that usually Mr. Jaffe usually attends these meetings but he is out with knee replacement so Mrs. Tepper is filling in for him. The safety plan is posted in the office for anyone to review. There is a full team to coordinate any evacuation and the school safety meets monthly as well as the code blue AED team. The AED is in working use and we have a team who is certified to use it. The school also conducts evacuation drills and every year we need to have 12 completed by December. The school is also required to conduct Lockdown drills and Shelter in Drills. Lockdown drills will have everyone stop what they are doing and shelter in is where the doors are closed and the school day goes on as usual.

Traffic concerns

There have been reports of people speeding at the end of the corner to make the light. Mrs. Dimilta mentioned she is considering writing in for a stop sign at the corner.

Con Edison

Recently there has been a gas odor and Con Edison has checked it out and there is a gas leak at the end of the corner.

Other Updates:

Mrs. Dimilta spoke about the Reso money and the goal for spending this is to have laptop carts for every grade. We also still have \$50,000 for the air conditioners.

Teacher training:

The school gets a direct reimbursement for any subs that are hired.

Test Prep:

The cost for the test prep this year will be \$120.00 per student. The price went up because of textbooks etc. the program will run from 3/3-4/28 on Saturdays except for 3/31 and 4/7. The goal for each grade is to have 4 leaders instead of 3. We currently have 3 per grade.

Fundraisers:

Jump Rope for Heart: raising money for the American Heart Association. In gym class, they are also incorporating jump rope.

We will have our dance share on 2/15/18 for grades 3 and 4 where each grade will perform and learned and choreographed dance.

Music Residency:

We are researching options for this as we have received a \$10,000 donation from a former student of PS 184Q. The residency usually runs 6-8 weeks.

Questions:

Some parents raised concerns about how data is represented academically and asked if data is compared in terms of performance with one class vs. another. There was also mention of possible holding an extra help lesson after school on Tuesdays. Mrs. Dimilta encouraged parents to come speak to her privately regarding and specific concerns.

Speaker: Jasmine Galia, President

- Treasurer's report
- CEC report
- President's Council
- Holiday gifts
- Vote
- Upcoming fundraisers
- Questions/Comments

Mrs. Dimilta turned the meeting over to Mrs. LiMandri for the treasurer's report.

Speaker: Grace LiMandri, Treasurer

Gourmet Bake Sale Profit:\$ 1,323.63

Parent night out Profit: \$360.00

5th grade t shirt Fundraiser Profit : \$328.45

Halloween dance Profit: \$1,275.52

Winter Fair Profit: \$6,126.14

5th grade boosters Profit: \$385.00

Fall Picture day Profit: \$3,742.17

Membership collected to date: \$ 10,522.00

Current Balance: \$36,302.65

Mrs. Galia mentioned there is \$10,333.00 to be paid out towards the ARTS program with Ms. Dawn, which should be paid out in the spring.

Please see and review the copy of the interim report and we will now vote to submit this report:

VOTE: YES 22/22

CEC Update: Jenny Chin

Mrs. Chin mentioned there was a school construction and office presentation about projects in the works and which schools are getting what etc. The presentation is on the CEC website. Flushing High school will stay open. They have a new principal and new staff.

President's Council: Jasmine Galia

At this meeting, Mrs. Galia mentioned that the backboards for the gym have not been put up yet at our school. Asked for advice on how to get this rectified and was advised to contact Fred Artis and the superintendent would follow up with Mrs. Dimilta.

Updated on Expenditure for Staff Holiday gifts:

We spent \$1,285.00 on staff members.

Vote:

To purchase planners for the 2018/2019 school year, \$1,400.00 YES 21/21.

5th grade contribution of \$10.00 per child for graduation activities approximately \$960.00 YES 20/21.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Membership drive, month of February

Pizza day, Friday, February 9th

Valentine's Day sale 2/13 and 2/14 during lunch, we will also be selling flowers this year.

Grad Picture Retake Day is 2/14.

We will also be having a summer camp fundraiser – **speaker : Erica D’Urso, Corresponding Secretary**

Mrs. D’Urso mentioned this event will take place on 2/12 from 5:30-8:00 pm, and the flyers will go home soon.

Mrs. Galia also mentioned the nominating committee will be formed soon for the elections for next year’s PTA. She also mentioned that she will not be running for PTA President next year and suggested that members start to consider filling this position since the PTA can’t function without one. She also noted that the three core positions of President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary need to be filled in order to have a functioning PTA that is in compliance.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm.

Prepared by Christianne Tomao, Recording Secretary