



### PTA Meeting September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

#### **Speaker: Jasmine Galia, President**

Mrs. Galia welcomed everyone back from summer break and called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. She then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Dimilta.

#### **Speaker: Anna Dimilta, Principal**

- **Welcome**
- **State test scores**

Mrs. Dimilta thanked and welcomed the room back from summer break and then began with an introduction of all of the teachers and support staff from the whole school, beginning with Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. After the introduction of all the staff, the teachers and staff exited the room. Mrs. Dimilta mentioned that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be having departmentalization this year and will switch classrooms for each subject, to prepare them for middle school. The clusters will remain the same as last year. The school has 522 children in total and the instructional focus this year is reading, "Readers for Life." Mrs. Dimilta mentioned that talking and communicating to your children everyday is very important, take time out to talk to your child.

#### **State test scores:**

Our school scored the following on the 2017 state tests:

65.8% ELA and 78.8% Math, we are #3 in math in our district.

The % of 4's has tripled in the last 3 years.

The NYC schools are adopting "Algebra for All."

Mrs. Dimilta will be meeting with the Superintendent in the next few weeks to discuss the school's progress.

Mrs. Dimilta turned the meeting over to Mrs. Galia.

#### **Speaker: Jasmine Galia, President**

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Eboard introduction**

- **Parent coordinator topics**
- **Treasurer's report**
- **Nomination Process**
- **Upcoming fundraisers**
- **CEC position**
- **Ongoing fundraisers**
- **Questions/Suggestions**

Mrs. Galia led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Galia introduced herself in the room and the rest of the Eboard introduced themselves as well in this order:

Jovan Rashford, Vice President

Grace LiMandri, Treasurer

Erica D'Urso, Recording Secretary

Erin Burmester, Hospitality

Christina Tzorbatzoglou, Hospitality

Patricia Salamone, Vice President

Carol Leone, Volunteer Coordinator

Christianne Tomao, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Galia mentioned that there are 2 positions open, fundraising and box tops coordinator.

Mrs. Galia turned the meeting over to our parent coordinator.

**Speaker: Meg Baker, Parent Coordinator**

Mrs. Baker welcomed everyone and mentioned to the room to please send her their email addresses so that she can add them to the list of emails with all the school information she sends out daily. She also reminded the room to please fill out your blue cards, if you haven't already done so. The recycling program will also continue and we may have a clothing drive this year.

Mrs. Baker said that there are already items in the lost and found, to please check. Please don't forget to sponsor our ongoing fundraisers for the school. Also, please remember safety first and obey traffic laws and please be safe at drop off and pickup.

Question from the room: When will the grade pages be up?

Answer from Mrs. Baker: by the end of the month.

Mrs. Baker turned the meeting over to Mrs. Galia.

**Speaker: Jasmine Galia, President**

Mrs. Galia asked that Mrs. LiMandri read the Treasurer's report.

**Speaker: Grace LiMandri, Treasurer**

Balance: \$9,440.62

Membership Drive: \$3,570.00 collected in one day

**Speaker: Jasmine Galia, President**

**Membership Drive:**

The school's goal is to raise \$13,000 for the year. Over the past 2 years we have collected \$25,000 in membership alone. Over the past two years the PTA has purchased 7 air conditioning units, new fans, a new podium, risers, tv's for the cafeteria, new mats for the gym and we have supported the ARTS program with this money. We hope to give \$20,000 to the ARTS this year as Mrs. Dimilta was short with funds in her budget. Every year we also provide teacher wish lists to each class and cluster donations. We have also purchased iPads, laptops, cases for these items and planners and folders for the children to use across all grade levels. At the end of the year the PTA holds a carnival for the school as well.

**Nomination Process**

Room count: 39

Mrs. Galia read the terms of office and term limits as well as the description for the open position of Fundraising. Mrs. Galia asked the room if there is anyone who would like to run for the position of fundraising chairperson.

No volunteers, the position is now closed, 7:58pm.

Mrs. Galia reads the description for the position of Box tops coordinator.

Mrs. Galia asks the room if there is anyone who would like to run for the position of Box tops coordinator.

Susan Weir raises her hand for self nomination. Mrs. Galia asked if there were any additional nominations. No other nominations were received, the position is now closed at 7:59pm. Mrs. Galia thanks the room and welcomes Mrs. Weir to the PTA Executive Board.

**Upcoming fundraisers:**

McDonald's Night is Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm.

Picture day and 5<sup>th</sup> grade photos are also Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Halloween dance is Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>, lower grade is a chaperoned event from 5:30-7pm and upper grade is drop off from 7:30-9pm. For the lower grade, there can be 1 parent chaperone with the

child attending, and 1 volunteer from same family and the volunteer cannot act as the chaperone. You also do not have to have a child in the upper grades to volunteer for that portion of the party.

**CEC position:**

Mrs. Galia mentioned there is 1 position open for a CEC member, who would have to attend meetings once a month, the first Wednesday of every month and then report back to each PTA meeting with the information.

Mrs. Galia asked if at this time there is anyone who would like to volunteer for this position.

Jenny Chin raised her hand and volunteered for this position, the position is now closed 8:03pm.

**Ongoing Fundraisers:**

Please join shoparoo, Amazon smile, frozen Friday's and all of our spirit gear to support our school. Frozen Friday's begin 9/15/17, please send money in an enclosed envelope with your child's name.

**Questions/Suggestions:**

Question from the room: When are the PTA meetings held?

Answer from Mrs. Galia: on a selected Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Only one meeting is held on a Tuesday night and that is May's meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm.

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