



PTA meeting minutes November 26th, 2018

Attendees: Jovan Rashford, Christianne Tomao, Grace LiMandri, Jasmine Galia, Jenny Chin, Susan Weir, Fran Asaaf, Michelle Gatt, Carol Leone

Speaker: Jovan Rashford, Co-President

Mrs. Rashford welcomed everyone and mentioned we have met the quorum to start the meeting. She then waived the Pledge of Allegiance being that the flag was not visible. She also asked the room to waive the reading of last month's minutes, ALL IN FAVOR: 18/18 YES

Mrs. Rashford passed the meeting to Mrs. Dimilta.

Speaker: Anna Dimilta, Principal

- Budget
- Instructional Focus
- Questions

Mrs. Dimilta mention that it is open school week. If parents cannot come to open school week, the teachers have about 35 minutes per week for parents to contact them if need be. She also thanked everyone for cooperating with all the construction going on around the school.

Budget

We will be receiving further funding that can be used to pay for programs that the students need. We will also be offering a math Saturday academy for students. We will be using the data in order to analyze where the students need to be. The fourth and fifth grades will be using test scores. The second and third grades will be flagged based on performance. Currently, for this program we are only targeting grades 2-5. We will also be introducing an art enrichment after school program for one hour a week and students will be picked in cycles. Lastly, we are looking into theater for one hour a week after school and the students will get picked in cycles as well.

We are looking into bringing trips into the classroom for more enrichment, not only leaving the school for outside trips. We are looking at various organizations. Regarding test sophistication there is an option this year for the school to fund the program instead of having parents pay for it through the PTA. Mrs. Dimilta mentioned she may rearrange Mrs. Broutzas schedule for Monday through Thursday to work with students and Friday to train staff.

The ballroom dancing program is fully funded this year.

Instructional Focus and Vision

You will receive an email with a link about math homework, please fill out this survey. We have also sent a survey to teachers.

The school's vision this year is that students are ready for middle school and will be sharing data with parents including the rubric.

Questions

Question from the room: Will there be any support of units for literacy?

Answer from Mrs. Dimilta: Most of the emphasis will be on math but if you have questions please give us feedback about ELA as we do place a large focus on our ELA.

Mrs. Dimilta also mentioned by 2022 all districts in New York City will have made the math change. The next GEN for math is in lieu of common core standards

She also publicly thanked Seva Panagiotopoulos for her work on the website and posting surveys.

Question from the room: Is there room in the budget for a behavioralist?

Answer: We don't have budgeting for this currently.

Speaker: Meg Baker, Parent Coordinator

Mrs. Baker mentioned we will begin toys for tots at the Winter fair so please bring a toy to donate.

We will also be participating in New York cares so please donate a gently used coat if you have.

We are also contributing to the canned food drive if you have any canned food to spare please bring in.

We will have a craft table at the Winter fair.

CEC update

Mrs. Baker mentioned that the CEC meeting basically focused on school construction the math initiative. She is also in touch with the DOE about school back board installation and the need to rebuild the speed bumps around the school because of repaving.

Question from the room: Can we get a stop sign and 21st Rd.?

Answer: Please call 311 and visit your local assembly man's office and put many calls in for this.

Mrs. Drauch won a wellness grant for \$1000 and she's going to try to get a water filtration system for the school.

Treasurer's report, speaker: Erica D'Urso

Please send in your raffles for the Winter fair we have already made \$2000 in raffle's.

Balance - \$20,370.59

Membership - \$9,700

McDonald's night - \$572.51

Speaker: Jovan Rashfrod, Co- President

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Winter fair

The Winter fair will be Friday, December 7. We will be collecting donations for packaged goods starting December 3. Please drop off fresh baked goods the morning of the Winter fair.

Please spread the word that we will be having Santa and a holiday theme for pictures from 6 to 9 PM at the evening portion of our fair on December 7. We are using the photographer from our fifth-grade dance. Raffle prizes from the fair include a bike, tablet, beats headphones, Xbox , and PlayStation 4 etc.

Parents Night out

Parents night out will be Friday, December 14 at fierce dragon.

Graduation Picture day

Graduation picture day will be on January 9.

Votes

We would like to take a vote on purchasing the snowblower and lawnmower storage unit for approximately \$1800 which is the remainder amount left over from a previous vote. Total cost is \$2,500 plus shipping fee of \$250.00, but the voting amount is \$1,800. All in favor – YES 21/21

Mrs. Dimilta will also find out if she's able to purchase this.

The delivery for Miss chocolate will be on December 18, 2018 and all items must be picked up that day.

Reminders

Winter break will be from December 24 until January 1, children return to school Wednesday, January 2.

Please continue to support our school with the use of Shoparoo, Amazon smile, Stop & Shop, and boxtops.

As always please check the school website for more information.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Meeting adjourned 8:09 PM.

Prepared by Christianne Tomao, Recording Secretary