



NOVEMBER PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Auditorium

Board Members Present: Julie Couser (President), Ann Henry (VP of Development), Aisha Johnson (Ass. Treasurer), Kathryn Mora (Recording Secretary), Christina Prostano (VP Playlab 133)

(At least 8 association members, including a minimum of 2 board members and 6 parent members present; a quorum was reached.)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:06 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: presented by Julie Couser.

We have put in almost 1500 volunteer hours into this school year thus far. Well done.

1. Max Duykers has stepped up to be Communications Secretary. We need to vote him in to make it official.
 - a. Motion to vote him in- all yes, 0 abstentions. Max Duykers voted in as Communications Secretary.
2. Movie night money was stolen from the PTA room. We reported it to OSI and the administration. The board has replaced the money.
3. The PTA needs to better inform parents on what to do and who to talk to when they have a concern or complaint. How you can work with your teacher, admin and the PTA to make your PS 133 experience the best it can be. We need to better communicate protocols if you have a concern or complaint.
 - a. Start with your teacher as your first place to go.
 - b. Then the next step is to go to Mr. D
 - c. Next step is going to the Vice Principals- Credle and McGhie
 - d. Last step is going to Principal Heather Foster Mann

- We will be communicating this to the school- Max will assist with this.
- For problems that are more global you can go to anyone in the cabinet.
- What is the PTA's role in this? We can become a part of the conversation but we can't fix every problem a parent comes in with. We need parents to actively effect change.

Give the system time to effect the change. If you have a passion about something then come in and own it. Don't come in, dump an issue on the PTA board and then walk away and expect it to be solved. Become part of the solution.

- We are going to host a Parents helping Parents on December 14th at 8:30am to help each other with our concerns.

4. OPEN LIBRARY HOURS. Wednesdays. Use it please.
5. 5th Ave Key Food Redevelopment Meeting

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- a. 22,000 sq.ft. of supermarket space (Key Food is 30,000 sq.ft)- Design not known yet. Will be years of construction. There are still meetings and negotiations happening around. If you are a parent of a young child going to this school you should get involved.
6. Implicit Bias Meeting
 - a. Operate at the subconscious level. We are not aware we have them.
 - b. Run contrary to our stated beliefs and attitudes. We say that we believe in equality but then behave in ways that biased and discriminatory.

MINUTES: Reading of the October meeting minutes was waived and minutes were accepted. There were zero (0) abstentions.

REPORTS

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

1. Student led conferences are going really well. This is the way the chancellor is moving and we are happy our kids are doing so well with it.
2. Friday is World Culture Day- going to be a fun day and evening. Come out and support that.
3. Please go to open library hours on Wednesday. We need to keep that going and have our students take advantage of that opportunity.

Tom Firley Trees:

Please come buy trees from us. \$10 back for every tree bought. Free delivery. Great fresh trees from Canada.

Anyone can mention the PS133 at the stand and the school gets credit.

GUEST SPEAKER

Andrew Goodman from SchoolFood, district 13 advisor, oversee 34 buildings, 23 years with SchoolFood

1. Michelle Obama created a lot of changes in food that is served in school. One example is that water must be available at no charge at lunch.
2. We have increased the amount of fresh fruit and vegetables. More variety of products. Offer vegetarian meal once a week. Have hummus and pretzels. Offer turkey sandwiches 2 days a week along with the regular menu of that day.
3. We serve more breakfast to students at PS133 than lunch. 550 students are eating breakfast here.
4. For lunch- students are only required to take 3 items, one item must be a veggie.
5. The supper at Playlab : we can decide what they want to get. Don't need to have a full supper, there is a snack option.
6. We are part of the Café initiative- NY Harvest does 2 meals a year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: presented by Aisha Johnson

As of end of October, cash \$345,497.02 / Chase \$317,810.01 / Paypal \$27,687.01

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1. Annual Appeal is at \$35,000. We have a long way to go. Please make sure you support.
2. Amazon: shop on amazon and get 6%-8% back
3. Filed our taxes last week. Will be posted on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising Committee: Ann Henry

- Friends and Family can give over the holidays. Working on a few things to get to our AA goal.

December 1st is the next fundraising meeting. Please come out and help with one of the many initiatives coming up: Readathon, Auction, Movie Night,

NEXT MEETING: January 18th, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM by President.

Minutes compiled by Kathryn Mora, Recording Secretary

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