



February PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, February 15 , 2017, 6:00 p.m., Auditorium

Board Members Present: Julie Couser (President), Jerome Taggar (Treasurer) Max Duykers (Secretary of Communications , Denise Stokes (VP of Community), Ann Henry (VP of Development)

(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 6:09 pm.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: presented by Julie Couser.

- Readathon is starting next Friday and goes for 10 days over the break. WOW Wednesdays has been a huge success. Thank you Ana and Tim. Parents are reading to the kids in all different languages. We are going to continue it. The PTA can look into buying more books for the library.
- Is there a long-time goal to hire a librarian. Answer: Yes, but there are other commitments that the PTA has to prove that they can fund all the programs year after year.
- We need someone to lead teacher appreciation week. If anyone is interested please let me know.
- We are trying to put together a schedule so parents can understand what enrichment classes a student will get throughout their time at PS 133. It's a broad strokes viewpoint so people can have a better understanding on how enrichment is scheduled.
- The Chancellors guidelines have changed after 5 years so we now need to update our bylaws to make sure they are in line with the regulations. We need to have this done in the next 4 weeks. Julie and Kate Holt will do this.
- Bake Sale on March 3rd hosted the bake sale. Need help!

TITLE I:

There are two types of title I- our school receives assistance for the entire school, for every child. Funds are intended to help at risk and low income students.

It was awarded to the school many years ago. Tim and Binda are the head of the Title I reps which is required by Title I.

These are some programs being paid by Title:

- Saturday academy and test prep being paid by this funding.
- Intervention specialist

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- Parents helping their children- RAZ Kids program

Why has PS 133 been in this gray area? DOE fiscal year starts in July 2017. This year's funding came from the 2014 enrollment. There is a 2.5 year lag time.

The paperwork just hasn't caught up with the school yet. The audit roles haven't been caught up to our school and population. We are currently grandfathered in.

What does it take to qualify for free lunch? Answer: For this school 525 would have to qualify for free lunch to keep Title I. For a family of 4 your total household income would have to be \$44,000 a year. For a family with 1 kid it would have to be \$21,000.

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT: presented by Jerome Tagger

- We are at a healthy cash position but we still have a lot of bills to pay.
- Matching donations have been coming in form Annual Appeal. Still a bit short of our goal.
- Playlab will hopefully make up for the shortcoming of the annual appeal.
- If the auction on May 6th and the readathon are successful then we will be fine.
- We have been sending out IRS letters to the annual appeal donors.
- Ahead of us is putting together next year's budget with the budget committee. We are meeting monthly and figuring out what the PTA can pay for next year and how much money we will need to raise. Also how our programs are evolving and how we can improve upon them. Playworks for example- we need to optimize the time and how the program is being used. Different grades have different needs. We are also looking into other recess vendors.

We will report on our progress next month.

PRINCIPALS REPORT: Ms. Credle

- Spring residencies has begun.
 - Studio in a School is serving the other half of the school. K, 4 and 4 and 2 second grade classes (Parker and Rubin)
 - 1st grade getting dance, 2nd grade getting Music and rymth, 4th grade getting salsa.

- **Testing:** on Tuesday Feb 28th 3-4pm we will take you through the format of the NYS Math Test. How to go through the process and what it's all about. Students have unlimited time to take the test.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising Committee: Presented by Christa Rimmoneau

- Bloom auction on May 6th at BRIC
- Tickets go on sale in early April.
- Looking for donations. We are looking for Broadway show tickets or experiences or vacation homes.
- We also have our sponsorship link open. If you know anyone that wants to advertise a business.

Gardening Committee: presented by Julie Couser

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They need various roles to be filled. If you are interested in gardening please contact garden@ps133brooklyn.org

Community Committee: presented by Denise

- Instead of a game night I would like to put together a PTA scavenger hunt. Would be broken up by grade to make it age appropriate, Would be March 24th at 6:30pm. Would be prizes for all the kids. Would be a family activity that we can all do together at school. Free event. Still thinking of ideas and need volunteers. Still working on the permits.

NEXT MEETING: March 15 at 8:30am

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 by President.

Minutes compiled by Kathryn Mora, Recording Secretary

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