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No PENDING REVIEW AND APPROVAL



January PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, January 17, 2018- cafeteria

Board Members Present:

Aisha Johnson (President), Jerome Tagger (Treasurer), Jen Skoda (Co-VP of Development), Kim Gleason (VP of Extended Day), Genevieve de Gaillande (Recording Secretary), Max Duykers (Communications Secretary), Ann Henry (Co-VP of Development), Christa Rimmoneau (Co-VP of Development).

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President, Aisha Johnson, at 8:32 am

2. READING + APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2017 MEETING MINUTES

No abstentions or objections.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT- Jerome Tragger / ptatreasurer@ps133brooklyn.org

- Half year mark- we are on track
- Good progress on the annual appeal in December \$35K came in. Waiting on matching donations and sustaining contributions to come in,
- Expenditures in Playlab- it's a mistake. Will correct for recirculation.
- Will not be looking at payroll providers for PlayLab at the moment- may do so later.
- Budget committee- call for members- place to come and raise your voice if you want a say how money is spent. PLEASE VOLUNTEER. **Chelsea Miller and Christa Rimmoneau volunteered.**
- Insurance renewal- including the Playlab policies and space usage, and dance party. Cost is \$3,872- need approval:
 - Motion, second, no objections or abstentions. Motion passes.

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Heather Foster Mann

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) document- replaces the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND act. Breaks down what the government has in place for schools. One thing they are looking at is to make sure that all kids get a well-rounded education. Look at multiple measures for student achievement, rather than just assessments.
- 95% of students participate in testing- want to encourage families to participate now that students are looked at more holistically.
- Last page- new NYS learning standards. Instead of quantity of standards, looking at breadth.

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- Human Root handout:
 - Equity, culturally responsive community; working with staff this year.
 - There will also be parent session- first one is Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at ps 133.
- Progress report going home on February 2nd
 - PROMOTION IN DOUBT will also come out that day as well if there are any student who are not meeting promotional criteria,
- Academic afterschool is in place; morning games
- Residencies:
 - Grade 1- Marquis studio
 - Grade 4 - Urban choir
 - Grade 3 – pixel academy

!Yay for Broadway bound- we should have a whole performing art department-

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications committee- May Duykers [-communications@ps133brooklyn.org](mailto:communications@ps133brooklyn.org)

- Need new team members in the graphic design area- come see Max.

Next meeting: TBA

Extended day committee- Kim Gleason extendedday@ps133brooklyn.org / playlabvp@ps133brooklyn.org

- Term 2 registration is open until Friday, Jan 19th. Lot of fun new classes.
- Promote the cases your kids are in so they don't run the risk of being cancelled. Email will go out.
- Scholarships close 1/17/18.
- If we pay, how would we know our class is being cancelled? Lauren will reach out if this is the case.
- Ramapo is coming in to help work with the staff on PD.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 25th, 2018, 8:30 am

Fundraising committee- Jen Skoda, Ana Henry, Christs Rimmoneau / development@ps133brooklyn.org

- Jen Skoda- annual appeal- we are up from this point last year. \$82K in and accounted for, looking at about another 6K from sustaining donations and matching gifts.
- Ann Henry- dance party this Friday, 1/19 in cafeteria. Need volunteers with:
 - room set-up 5:30-6:30 pm.
 - Concessions also
 - break down of the space.
 - Decorations- if you have extra lights.
 - Reach out to development@ps133brooklyn.org if interested.
- Auction is May 5th, 2018 at BRIC
 - Christa: Procurement of the auction times drive a lot of the revenue. If you have connections to experiences in NY, reach out to people you know.

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- Rebecca is running the class art project. First Friday, February 2nd is the day they will be doing it in class. Class parents will be reaching out to tell you how you can get involved. About 10% of the revenue that night comes from this.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 1/24/2018- 8:30 am

Garden committee – Kara Zimmerman / garden@ps133brooklyn.org

- Met with Mr. Noel- studio in a school instructor- pick a 5th grade class to help do signage project.
- Waiting to see if we get an irrigation system with Brad Landers project
- Teachers grants \$8500 to give to teachers who apply. Only have a few proposals thus far. Nudge your teachers- they HAVE to write it. DEADLINE INS 1/22/2018

Next meeting: 2/5 or 2/12- TBD

Language + cultural diversity committee- Tim Wilkens / escuela@ps133brooklyn.org

- Every Friday there will be events in Spanish in the school.
- Cook shop is Friday 1/19/18, from 8:30-9:30 am. First year we have done it in Spanish. Open to everyone but there are limited spaces. Email escuela@ps133brooklyn.org
- Other Fridays will be arts and crafts.
- Workshops on immigration and other resources we have in our neighborhood. If there are other topics, you would like to address, let Tim know.
- Question: can we also do this in French? The feeling is that there are fewer French families who do not interact in English so the first effort I to support Spanish-speaking families.

Next meeting: Wednesday 1/31/18- 8:30 am

Lunch committee: Vanessa Hradsky, Samaya Boueri, Layla Bohlo-Garletti

- Welcome to the new co-chairs of this committee
- Lot to do at lunch- helping kids open containers, managing the squabbles. Assistance with recycling and minimizing food waste.
- Sign up for this committee is on the web site, and we'll push it out through class parents.
- Adding signage in the cafeteria- allergies, etc.
- Hosting Mach bake-sale around healthy breakfast.
- Q: Tonya Taylor: Can we get older kids to help the younger kids? Does it correspond with another free time with older kids?
We've thought about it and it's tough because of scheduling and kids can't miss instruction.

Next meeting 1/23, 8:30 am

Performing arts committee- Esra Dayani / performingarts@ps133brooklyn.org

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- 1/22, 8:30 am: post-production meeting to discuss how we can communicate that we have a strong theater program here. If you are interested, or have connections with any local electeds, come to the meeting.
- New drama teacher while Ms. Davis is on leave- let's welcome him/ her.
- 1/29, 8:45 am- THEATRE FOR A NEW AUDIENCE Culminating Project 9am (5th grade). Doing their own version of 'A Winter's Tale". Come out and support as an audience member.

Next meeting: TBA

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Book room project: Chelsea Miller- Ana Bartholome is leading the charge to get is organized. There is a sign up sheet at meeting as well as online. Can drop in or sign up for specific time.
- Lost and Found- we need to tackle this mess. Coming later this month, all items will be brought up to the lobby for claiming and then donated.
- Tonya Taylor: new committee to propose: Learning Diversity Committee:
Learning Diversity Committee (LDC). This committee endeavors to build strong partnerships amongst parents, teachers, and administrators at PS 133 for the benefit of families and children receiving special education services. Incorporating the needs of children with diverse learning needs into the PTA will keep the lines of communication open to all parent groups and hopefully foster inclusion and reduce stigma and discrimination. The LDC's specific aims are threefold: 1) to provide support to parents and caretakers; 2) develop a toolkit to help guide families through the process of getting specific services at PS 133 and elsewhere; and 3) coordinate in-school workshops to provide information and strategies to help our children with special needs.
 - Aisha and Tonya will look into the logistics of how to formalize this committee.
- Upcoming opportunity: Understood.org free workshop tomorrow at the Main Library at Grand Army Plaza entitled: **Homework Battles: Strategies to Help Your Child**
 - Wednesday, January 24, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM (EST)
 - Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/homework-battles-strategies-to-help-your-child-tickets-41242928710>
 - Understood.org

Event description:

- Starting and finishing homework assignments can be tough for any student. And kids with learning and attention issues may need lots of extra help. Join other local parents to trade tips and learn new strategies. Whether it's setting up a simple homework station, drawing up a homework contract, or just finding ways to keep calm when your child is frustrated, you'll leave with ideas to help your child.
- Encouragement and light refreshments will be provided! For more information contact us at nyc@understood.org
- Q: are there any opportunities for alumni students and parents to come and speak to the current 4th and 5th grades about middle school? Not currently but it would be a great thing to run by Ms. McLeod, the social worker.

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- Nominating committee: Consider running or being part of nominating committee that facilitate the election.
- By-laws: Have to tighten up our by-laws. If you are a wordsmith and want to help out, we'd love your help. Regs changed in 2017 and we are in compliance for the most part. One item up for consideration is whether the President position can be a co- position. Would need to go up for a vote.

NEXT MEETING: February 14, 2018, 6:00 pm Auditorium

ADJOURNMENT: 9:46 am by the President.

Minutes compiled by Genevieve de Gaillande, Recording Secretary

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