

FEBRUARY - PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 PM- Auditorium

Board Members Present:

Aisha Johnson (President), Jerome Tagger (Treasurer), Genevieve de Gaillande (Recording Secretary), Ann Henry (Co-VP of Development), Denise Stokes (VP of Community Involvement).

Call to Order - 6:12 pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes - Motion to waive the reading of the minutes. No abstentions.

Approve them as written- motion, second and approved.

President's Report/School Leadership Team Report

Treasurer's Report - Jerome Tagger / ptatreasurer@ps133brooklyn.org

- Accounts as of 31 January: \$483,428.64
- Play-lab January: \$219,179.5 / 95% of annual goal
- Successful dance party- congrats to Tonya
- Budget committee start in March.
- Keep up the annual appeal!
- Auction is coming up- another great way for us to get money.

Extended day: Christina Prozano / extendedday@ps133brooklyn.org

- Had a great training for PlayLab staff from Ramapo for Children.
 - Next Steps
 - Develop our mission statement
 - Organize transition groups using a theme (colors, characters, etc.)
 - Program provided valuable feedback on areas of improvement

Next meeting: Tuesday 2/27 @ 8:30am in the PTA Office

Fundraising committee: Ann Henry / development@ps133brooklyn.org

- Auction items- reach out to people who have items to contribute.
- Volunteer: food and beverage, set-up, LOTS of help needed!
- Dance party- Feb 15th-need volunteers to help set-up, helping wrangle kids, take money, arts and crafts activities. Starts at 6 pm.
- Movie night – Descendants- March 2` need volunteers as well for tickets and concessions.

Next meeting: Thursday 2/15 8:30am in PTA office (Read-a-thon)

Wednesday 3/7 8:30am in PTA office (Auction)

Language and Cultural Diversity Committee: Tim Wilkens- escuela@ps133brooklyn.org

- Big news- every first Friday there is 'PS 133 en Espagnol'. Cook shop.
- Documentary- "Refugee Kids" movie March 20th.
- March 14th- Junot Diaz visit for younger kids (what grades). Parents are not allowed. Book comes in English and Spanish.
- All month long will do tie in events related to refugees. KG- 2nd.
- Read-a-thon committee meeting 2/15 at 8:30 am. Trying to find fun things for upper grades.
- Chelsea Clinton came on 2/12 and read with 2nd graders from her new book coming out in March.

Next meeting: Wed, March 28, 8:30am – 9:30am

Garden Committee: presented by Aisha Johnson / garden@ps133brooklyn.org

- Still working on getting solar lighting.
- Beginning process to get planters made.
- Please come out and join the committee. Looking for a garden co-chair.

Next meeting: Monday 3/5 @ 8:30am in PTA Office

Communications committee: presented by Aisha Johnson / communications@ps133brooklyn.org

- Looking for help with social media. Please talk to other parents who may have skills in this area.
- Tonya: parent directory- do we have one where people can list their interests. Need someone to manage this.
- It's hard to get responses and get people to commit- so spread the word.

Next meeting: Mon, March 19, 8:30am – 9:30am

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

- How can we promote volunteerism- folks may not want to because they think things are going so well, and may not understand that there is a small group of people who lead a lot of these efforts. Encouraging us all to each talk to 5 other parents to see if they are interested in getting involved.
- Raffle basket at each meeting- this might help to get people to come.
- Ms. Davis had her baby- yay!!
- TFNA- New Voices Project- 4th grade plays.
- TFNA- the program in 5th grade is classical – Shakespeare plays. They perform this. And the
- Creative stages- 3rd graders also have a program.
- Trying to spread the word in our community that our schools has a robust theater program.

New Business

1. Book/ camp fair: trying to have a weekend event and pairing it with a camp fair.
2. Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart- Mr. Blatt is doing this 2/15. PTA is providing healthy snacks for this event.
3. Nominations committee: this is forming and some terms are ending, so every position is up for vote.
 - a. Amber Graham and Kara Zimmerman are co-chairing.
 - b. Two meetings a month- General session 3rd Wednesday of every month and executive board meetings.
4. By-laws: March 6th by-laws meeting. Genevieve will help look at it.
5. Tonya’s question about a new committee: Pursuant to the by-laws, there are certain times that committees can form. We can, however form an ad hoc committee and then turn it into a standing committee. Aisha and Tonya to continue this discussion. “Diversity and Learning Committee”.
6. **Teacher Grants** were awarded, as outlined below, totaling \$8,511.56

Teacher	Request	Amount
Laurie Davis (Drama)	Two Online Courses “School Kids Yoga & Mindfulness” and “Integrating Music in Classroom Management & Instruction”	\$599 FUNDED!
Third Grade Dream Team	National Geographic Trailblazer Subscription	\$658.35 FUNDED!
Judith Hudson (Music)	Rechargeable Clip Guitar Tuners & Headphone Holders	\$500-600 FUNDED!
Ms. Valentin (1st Grade)	Flexible Seating Initiative	\$2,063.32 FUNDED!
Ms. Konefal (4th Grade)	Math Games and Online Course Developing Student Mathematical Habits of Mind & Building Academic Vocabulary & Deep Comprehension	\$1,067.89 FUNDED!
Ms. Villanueva (4th Grade)	Online Course on inclusion education Adelphi University through NYSUT organization	\$300 PARTIALLY FUNDED!
Mr. Blatt & Ms. Matute (PE)	Equipment for Physical Education	\$1,633 FUNDED!
Ms. Woodman-Russell & Ms. Rodriguez (2nd and 3rd Grade)	New York State Bilingual Association (NYSABE) Conference in March	\$1,190 FUNDED!

7. Camp Fair: Ann Henry

- March 24th, in conjunction with International book fair.
- \$200 table, a bit more for those who need to plug in.

- We're advertising around Brooklyn so people come. Posting it many different places. Also inviting after school programs.
 - Expenses: Food to feed the camp folks-around \$300.
Motion to approve: Yes, Second motion, yes, approval. No opposed, not abstentions.
8. **Translation services: Tim Wilkins:** we agreed to share the cost with the school as well.
- \$1000/ year to cover translation needs.
 - Equipment needs: we'll table for next year's budget.
9. **Proposal for the rummage sale:** Lydia Gerthoffer
- April 21 11 am -3 pm.
 - Theme is "Purge and Green"
 - Everything is sold for \$1.
 - Encourage people to bring stuff in.
 - Wearable collections will come in and give of .05 per pound taken.
 - Also partner with garden committee to have activities with kids that day.
 - We have 15 tables to put things on. Also want to have people bring totes to donate and then people use those to shop.
 - Where do people bring their materials – people should deliver that day, and it can continue throughout the day.
 - Expenses: trash bags, advertising- printed signs- side-walk chalk, \$150 total. Goal is to make \$1000.
Motion to approve: Yes, Second motion, yes, approval. No opposed, not abstentions.

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10. Yannerys Castillo- 5th avenue committee- Fifth Avenue Committee- Community Services. Spoke of the services they offer and how to connect with them.

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11. Lydia Gerthoffer- District 15 diversity plan workshop. Next meeting is in March. Encouraging people to come.

12. Tonya Taylor - bulletin board- are we using it as well as we can? Was sad that black history month was not so well advertised, or events happening at school. Aisha mentioned that the library was well decked out for Black History Month. Can the PTA use some bulletin board space to post some things. Even to post for volunteers. What about an outdoor posting outside- HFM approved it. Esra will look into this.

Tim Wilkens: there are simple ways that we can build awareness around holidays, or things that kids don't learn about at school. To think about for next year.

Adjourn 7:18.

Next meeting March 21st, 8:30 am in the cafeteria.

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