

APRIL - PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, April 18, 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), Kim Gleason (VP of extended day),

Call to Order - 6:04 pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes - Motion to waive the reading of the minutes for February 2018 (snow day March meeting). No abstentions.

Approve them as written- motion, second and approved.

Principal's Report – Deanna McGhie

- Equity conversations with Human Root- teachers and staff have participated and now want to extend it to parents to join.
Parent session April 25 5-7 pm. Digital link will be sent by Mr. D. Link to child-care sign up.
- Summer in the City- Grades 2-5. Online app. done by lottery. Not a guarantee.
- DOE survey extended to 4/20, online.

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

- On track with revenue
- 85% on-track to annual appeal goal
- Auction- this is a big revenue stream as well.
- Budget committee- people want more of the same. More for community projects/ programs. This takes volunteer efforts and work from out school community.
- Treasurer position is open through nominations.

5th grade committee: Denise Stokes reporting

- Preparing for moving up ceremonies, 5th grade trip, yearbooks.
- Party after moving up ceremony.
- 5th grade dues to pay for each of these things.
- 5th grade trip is at Aviator.
- Yearbook committee is up and running.
- This is one committee for all of the classes, not separated by program.
- Flow of money going through PTA this year to alleviate the money issue that can come up.
- Space considerations for future years- look for outside space.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 26, 8:30 am

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Communications committee: Aisha / communications@ps133brooklyn.org

- Looking for help with social media. Please talk to other parents who may have skills in this area.
 - It's hard to get responses and get people to commit- so spread the word.
- Next meeting: Mon 5/14 8:30am PTA office

Extended day: Kim Gleason / extendedday@ps133brooklyn.org

- Have hired a volunteer consultant to streamline processes.
- Need to rewrite the mission statement.
- She did a training on positive behavior with staff
- 30-60-90 day plan – around how to better staff the program.
- More staff with kids for off-site classes.
- Trained staff on hallway procedures.
- Updating registration software. Active is one platform. Something with mobile registration. Refunds and credits will be more streamlined.

Next meeting: Friday 4/27, 8:30am, PTA Office

Fundraising committee: Jen Skoda / development@ps133brooklyn.org

- Dine and donate- raised \$465.
- Dance party in cafeteria Friday April 20. Need volunteers to help with set-up and be there to support the event and breakdown. Theme is '80s.
- Rummage sale- everything is \$1. Lydia brought posters to share in your neighborhood.
 - Wearable collections will take what does not go.
 - Plant sale that day- garden of wonder will be open.
 - Uniform swap as well.
 - Box in lobby on Friday to drop-off items.
 - Need volunteers- even if for a short amount of time. Sign up online or just show up.
- April 27th- cap and gown photos- this is also a fundraiser.
- May 5th- auction at BRIC.
 - Still collecting auction items so spread the word. Lots of vacation homes, camps, and restaurant offers.
 - Class artwork will be auctioned off.
 - Need volunteers day of.
 - May 12th- PTA fun run. Need at least 20 sales to make them happen.

Next meeting: Monday 4/23 8:30am in PTA office

Garden Committee: presented by Kara Zimmerman / garden@ps133brooklyn.org

- Waiting to hear about District 39 participatory budget.
- Looking for people to come help with the garden.
- Gas works ceramics have donated pots for plants- fundraiser.

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- Natty garden is giving us 35% discount for out plants that we are selling at rummage sale.
- Plants initiative- May 12th is a planting day. Sign-up sheet is online. 700 plants to plant.
- Kindergarteners have been out in the garden planting seeds.
- April 22nd- park slope civic council will meet with us in the garden.

Next meeting:

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

- Busy March- author visits. Read-a-thon.
- Refugee kids screening and discussion- really enjoyed meeting with the kids and made our guests feel very welcome.
- Friday workshops continue.
- Cook shop in Espanol
- We were interviewed by NPR
- We want to think about some events for our Arabic families. Want to get something before Ramadan.
- Want to find a way to show solidarity with our families who are struggling due to refugee matters.
- Suuad from Yemen- has been very involved in our community.
- Esra- make efforts to make people who may be dressed in typical Muslim garb, please say hello.

Next meeting: Wednesday 4/25, 8:30am in PTA office

Nominations committee: presented by Amber Graham and Kara Zimmerman / nominations@ps133brooklyn.org

- Amber and Kara went to a workshop on PTA election process.
- Need people to help with the election cycle- spreading the word.
- If you want descriptions of what each position entails, email the committee.
- Efforts will begin in earnest week of 4/23.
- Elections are June 13th.

Next meeting: TBD at 8:30 am in PTA office

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

- Laurie Davis- PS 133 players will be in a showcase on May 22, 5:30-6:30 at Humboldt Theatre.
- Great for our school- puts us on the map as a feeder school for middle schools.

Next meeting:

Volunteerism: Esra Dayani

- How can we promote volunteerism?
 - In each class have one parent that is the volunteer person

- Parent mixer.
 - Instantaneous sing up options.
 - Help parents understand the time commitment- so it does not seem too daunting. Break down the commitment in smaller chunks of time.
 - Are there tasks people can do from home or work?
 - Targeting families who are one year in and may be less overwhelmed about joining the community. Make a place at beginning of year for more seasoned parents to reach out to new families.
 - Task each committee with coming up with a list of concrete tasks.
 - Get a sign up list based on people's availability.
- If you have more ideas, reach out to Volunteer@ps133brooklyn.org

New Business

1. Vote 5th grade committee income addition to the budget:
 - a. Motion to accept the budget income and \$12,400 income, and \$12, 224 in expenses.
 - b. Second and passed with no objections, no abstentions.
2. Vote: Refund for \$1900 to the person who won an auction item that cannot be honored.
 - a. Motion
 - b. Second and passed with no objections, no abstentions.
3. Diversity and Learning Committee: Tonya.
 - The LEARNING DIVERSITY COMMITTEE (LDC) endeavors to build strong partnerships amongst parents, teachers, and administrators at PS 133 for the benefit of families and children with learning diversity needs. Attention on the diverse learning needs of students in our PS 133 community will hopefully foster better understanding, inclusion and reduce stigma and discrimination. The LDC's specific aims are threefold: 1) to provide support to parents and caregivers by developing a toolkit to guide families through the IEP process; 2) coordinate in-school workshops with teachers to provide information and strategies to help our children with special learning needs; and 3) provide resources for our children to help them manage attention and learning challenges.
 - There currently is a parent organization at the school but it is small and needs institutional support. We hope that by creating a committee under the PTA that we will be able to communicate more effectively with parents and teachers at the school.
4. Teacher appreciation week- need some help so please volunteer. Email community@ps133brooklyn.org

Meeting adjourned 7:16 pm.

Next meeting is May 16, 8:30 am in the cafeteria.