



September PTA General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, September 26, 8:30 am- cafeteria

Board Members Present:

Aisha Johnson (President), Max Duykers (Treasurer), Ann Henry and Tonya Taylor (Co-VPs of Community Involvement), Tyeesha McDonald Jen Skoda and Seri Entel (Co-VPs of Development), Tim Wilkins and Alison Galiley (Co-Secretary/ Recording Secretary) , Angela Pennyfeather (Communications Secretary), Kim Gleason and Christa Rimmoneau (Co-VP of Extended Day),

Call to order- 8:40 am

President's Welcome- Aisha Johnson ptapresident@ps133brooklyn.org

Welcome new families! First general PTA meeting of the year. Agenda and housekeeping.

- The LCD implemented last year's initiative to provide simultaneous translation services which will now be available for all PTA general meetings, and parent meetings involving spanish dominant speakers. Cristobal defined hand signals to be used during meetings to allow for appropriate translation: "slow down, repeat, louder".
- Introduced Isabella Caccavo, Fall Festival Coordinator for 10 years now. Now with the assistance of Esra Dayani. Fundraising numbers are still being counted. Thank you!

Principal's Welcome/ Report - Heather Foster-Mann

- Welcome back! Successful start of the year with the Boo-Hoo Yahoo breakfast, Dads take your child to school day, and the Fall Festival.
- School mission statement summarized: excellence, diversity and high expectations.
- Goals for the school year: Focus on equity with 6 planned sessions with Human Roots. Tackle the. I difficult conversations.
- Teachers Days- Wednesday, focused on providing opportunities for professional enrichment.
- 5th graders- learning independence
- 2 residencies- Studio in a School and Urban Choir
- Recruiting parent volunteers for the communications committee. Love the website!
- Coffee Chats immediately following 1st Friday activities every month. Hope to see you there.

- Our school has grown! Go green. Endeavours underway to reduce paper flyers and handouts.
- Safety/ Security number one priority. Always sign in with Ms. Green at the front desk.
- For PTA meetings, sign in at the meeting.
- Ms. Thomas and Ms. Clark safety guards/ crossing guards. Please listen to them. No double parking in front of the school. If you must, please pull close to the curb.
- Kids line up in the yard for school.
- Human resources and enrollment update: "We create leaders". 6 new staff members at the school.

President's Report- Aisha Johnson

- Open and approachable to parents. Please voice your questions and concerns.
- PTA meetings every month. We offer pizza and childcare for the kids with sign-up.
- Read-A-Thon! 3 author visits last year.
- Visit by local author, Matthew de la Pena "Carmela Full of Wishes" reading in October. Buy the book. He is not asking for a fee from the school.
- Sign up for the newsletter!
- SLT committee, teachers, parents and admin: ensuring the budget aligns with our goals.

Treasurer's Report- Max Duykers/ ptatreasurer@ps133brooklyn.org

- 2018-2019 budget as presented filed with the DOE, approved last Spring.

Communications Committee Report- Angela Pennyfeather/ communications@ps133brooklyn.org

- Committee needs volunteers.
- Voices are stronger on digital
- Website created by a parent volunteer.
- Want to learn more? Come to the next meeting on 10/2, 8:30am.

Extended Day Committee Report

- Need volunteer for French homework help program. Free playlab class!

Fundraising/ Development committee Report: Tyeesha McDonald, Jen Skoda and Seri Entel development@ps133brooklyn.org

- Committee needs volunteers for year round activities.
- Movie night, Dance parties. One per month.
- Annual Appeal (approx \$300 per student). Some families give more, some give less. Any amount helps.
- Stomping Ground school photo purchases generate money for the school.
- Shop with Amazon, link is on our website. Great way to contribute.
- Next meeting 10/1 at 8:30am.

Garden of Wonder committee- Outgoing chair, Kara Zimmerman/ garden@ps133brooklyn.org

- Committee needs a volunteer. One who likes getting their hands dirty.
- Garden located at the Butler entrance
- Signage in the garden was a 5th grade legacy project
- Garden Crawl, starts at the Old Stone House this weekend. PS 133 garden is on the map.
- Next committee meeting 9/28 at 8:30am

Language and Cultural Diversity committee: Tim Wilkins/ escuela@ps133brooklyn.org

- Committee is looking for a co-chair.
- Committee is hosting World culture night
- Push is on to maintain the school's Title 1 status. Essential to continuing services for Title 1 families.

Performing Arts committee: Esra Dayani and Christina Prozano/
performingarts@ps133brooklyn.org

- Committee is looking for volunteers.
- Had parent and volunteer support last year, donations and funding.
- Need ongoing support for full schedule of performances.

Reading and Approval of Minutes- Motion to approve the minutes for June 2018 put forth. Second. No abstentions or objections. Approve them as written- motion, second and approved.

D13, CEC (City Education Council) - Presented by Christina Prozano

- MS 8 is one of a few middle school options in district 13.
- Talk of a building an M8 extension school in the Flatbush/ Tillary area.
- NYC schools are among the most segregated in the country. PS 133 displays diversity, however.
- Free event coming up: talk lead by expert Nikole Hannah-Jones.

Budget Amendments, Max Duykers/ ptatreasurer@ps133brooklyn.org

Motion to approve put forth by treasurer. Second. No abstentions or objections.

- Adding merchandise to the budget
- Adding extra after-school library hours, to be staffed by Mr. Ratner.
- No net effect to budget.

Accept the amendments as written- motion, second and approved.

Questions?

How does the library work? We do not have a full time librarian. You can take out books for free. After school hours are not drop off. Children need to be supervised. Except for 5th graders, they have independence. The library may take book donations. Need more details.

How do we fix the clocks? We can't. External settings. Subtract 10-15 minutes.

Are all meetings in the morning? No. Evening meetings with pizza and childcare. Check calendar. Volunteer opportunities can accommodate all schedules.

Fall festival basket winners. Congrats!

Meeting adjourned at 9:49am