



November PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, November 14, 2018- cafeteria, 8:30am

Board Members Present:

Aisha Johnson (President), Max Duykers (Treasurer), Ben Millard (Co-Treasurer), Jen Skoda (Co-VP of Development), Kim Gleason (VP of Extended Day), Alison Galiley (Co-Recording Secretary), Tim Wilkins (Co-Recording Secretary, VP LCD Committee), Angela Pennyfeather (Communications Secretary), Ann Henry (Co-VP of Development), Christa Rimoneau (Co-VP of Development).

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President, Aisha Johnson, at 8:34 am

2. READING + APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2018 MEETING MINUTES

No abstentions or objections. Reading waived, approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT- Max Duykers / ptatreasurer@ps133brooklyn.org

- Reports circulated, as of end of October we have \$303,760 in the bank
- Waiting on annual appeal
- Book sales from Read-A-Thon (\$1357) and the first dance party (\$806)
- World Culture Night, coming up
- Unicef fundraising going very well, keep turning in your orange boxes
- Request to increase merchandise, amend budget to allow. Shirts and sweatshirts selling very well.
 - o Motion, second, no objections or abstentions. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- 4th annual spring musical, Aristocats, for 4th and 5th graders. Auditions coming up on December 6th, and 13th.
- Tech day for the musical is May 11th, same day as the auction, but will be in the morning.
- Students will get to see the musical on December 20th, 21st
- Ads in the community. Looking for support from business, if you know of any please email the committee
- Creative Stages, 3rd graders
- S'Cool Sounds for pre-k, 1st, 2nd grade
- Continue to work on getting residencies for music and dancing
- Committee needs volunteers to assist with spring musical auditions, tech day and dress rehearsals.

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

- Next committee meeting is on 11/29 @8:30am
- World Culture night is this coming Monday, celebrate all the wonderful, diverse cultures at the school. Come! Talk to people you do not know. We are all part of many cultures.
 - o Potluck, we need food for the event. Sign up on the website. The kids are making flags and posting 3 fun facts for their chosen region around the school.



- Music and dancing from Columbia, Ghana, etc...
- Committee supports simultaneous translation services throughout the school year
- Michelle Greenberg along with the DOE is working on an “unzoned schools” initiative for the creation of Diversity in Admissions. Sign up to volunteer, back of the clipboard.
 - PS 133 was chosen to be on this list as a ‘multilingual, multicultural school

Grants Committee- Kara Zimmerman, Rebecca Duykers

- Working on writing teacher grants that provide funds to enhance educational experiences
 - There are 5 opportunities per teacher to improve the classroom or the school
- Submission dates 11/26, 12/31, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25 (last Monday of each month)
 - Teachers are aware. Remind them to apply!

Principals Report, Heather Foster-Mann

- Student conferences coming up; be on time, people are waiting behind you .
 - Most important thing to bring to the student led conference? Your child.
- Human Roots workshop coming up, 12/5. Topic: How to talk to your child about race. It can be a difficult conversation to have. I am learning about myself in these sessions.

Garden Committee- garden@ps133brooklyn.org

- **Kaitlin Andrews and Jonathan Schneider** have volunteered to take on the co-chair positions. They could not be here today.
- District 13 now District 15 along with Kathy Price have started a Garden Train. This is a network to support community gardens.
- Initiatives such as composting and mulching are in the works.

Fundraising committee- Tracey McTaggart, Jen Skoda, Tyesha McDonald
development@ps133brooklyn.org

- School photos are up, check online
- Paper proofs going out on Friday
- Retake is on December 5th. We need volunteers! Sign up online.
- 15% of the proceeds go to the school if you order before the deadline
 - Help is available if you are not able/ comfortable ordering online. Speak with Aisha or Mr. D. Tracey also offered to assist during library hours on Wednesday afternoon from 2:40-4:00pm.
 - Annual appeal is going on, you can pay by cash, check or Paypal online. Money goes to art, music, theater, books, library hours, etc.
 - Goal is 100% participation from families. Give what you can. Tax deductible.
 - Dine and Donate is on Thursday at Miti Miti. 11am to 11pm. 10% of all tabs will go back to the school.
 - Tuesday after Thanksgiving is “day of giving”. Check social media for details.
 - Fun Fridays, next dance party is on 12/14. Come!



- While ordering for the holidays online, use Amazon Smile. 4-6% goes back to the school. Kevin from Foley Firs: We will be set up at 8th St and 8th Ave. 10\$ per tree goes to the school. We raise money for Brooklyn schools, 25 schools in total. Come by to purchase or order online. Free delivery and set up! Last year, \$250 went to the school from sale of trees. <http://www.foleyfirs.com>

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: Please pick up your child's items from the lost and found!

Communications- Angela Pennyfeather, communications@ps133brooklyn.org

- Our Instagram account has 500 followers now. Join in the fun!
- The newsletter is chock full of information, check the website- you can click on the links for more.
- Committee needs volunteers to create content for the website
- Requests to add content should be emailed to the committee. There is a template.
- Next meeting tomorrow at 8:30am

Extended day committee- Megan Carraher, extendedday@ps133brooklyn.org

- We have a new Playlab hire, its' going well.
- Looking for new vendors
- Schedule for next term will be out a few weeks before the registration starts
- Lauren needs additional help from volunteers to help with flow, bathroom monitoring, etc. In the classrooms this will enhance the 1:1 experience the kids often need from teachers during class
- Please fill out the survey at the end of each term
- Next meeting TBD, translation services will be available

Community Involvement Committee- Ann Henry, development@ps133brooklyn.org

- Ticket for the Lion King still available at discounted group rate, mezzanine and orchestra for January 12th performance at 8:00pm.
 - Student alum Chinua Baraka Payne is playing Simba
 - Checks payable to PTA of PS 133
 - Motion to allow the money to pass through the PTA (in then out)
- No opposition, no abstentions. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Collecting Box Tops will resume, parent volunteer Elizabeth Lehart. Possibly drop off at the security desk
- Upcoming opportunity: Workshop for Middle School applications with Ms. McCloud in the library tomorrow at 8:30am. Must apply online.

Learning Diversity Committee (LDC)-Ana Bartolome

- 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

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at PS 133 and elsewhere; and 3) coordinate in-school workshops to provide information and strategies to help our children with special needs.

- Meetings are every third Friday of the month at 8:30am in the PTA office. Check the calendar. All are welcome.

NEXT MEETING: December 19, 2018, 6:00 pm Auditorium. Pizza and Childcare with sign up.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:42 am by the President.

Minutes compiled by Alison Galiley, Recording Secretary

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