



General PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 29, 2018
6:07 pm – Call to Order

1. Principal's Report – Trish Peterson

- PEP voted last night to approve the split of lower and middle schools. Very excited about the split being approved, but a lot of work ahead to do. The DOE Office of Campus Governance will soon have a meet and greet (just for staff) at the middle school. Then move forward with next step.
- C30 process is completed. Danielle Scott is no longer acting, but officially, the Assistant Principal at MS8.
- Change in deadline for middle school and high school applications. Now due 12/14/18.
- Jeffery Horn, the DOE's Brooklyn Safety Director will be at the next PTA meeting on 1/24/18 to discuss DOE safety protocols. May send out surveys to parents to submit questions ahead of meeting.
- Report cards for both lower and middle schools will go out on 12/14/18.
- Music and arts residencies are in full gear and going well.
- 2nd grade songwriting residency ending. Celebration performance will be in mid-December.
- New chess program getting rave reviews. Plan to form chess team.
- Proposals for renovating auditorium discussed. Envisioning basketball hoops on either end. Built-in closets to store instruments. Mini bleachers that pull out, etc.

2. Fundraising Update – Scott Hall

- Fall Matching Challenge going well.
- Giving Tuesday resulted in \$20,000 in donations.
- Goal is \$175,000. At about \$120,000 at this point.
- Trying to recruit more parents to be matchers.

3. Treasurer's Report – Michelle Brindley for Lisa Balfe

- Cash flow has been consistent.
- Currently \$220,000 in savings.

- Main expenses for the month were after school clubs, chess program, Marquis Studios, recess assistance, and paying taxes.
- Main revenue has been the Fall Matching Challenge.
- Readathon brought in \$20,000 in donations. More should be trickling in.
- Currently at 33% of revenue target – similar to last year, but last year’s meeting was later in the year. Would like to see 50% by next meeting.
- Discussed how PTA funds will be divided at the time of the lower and middle schools split. Endowment will stay at PS8. Donations at the last half of school year may be earmarked according to children’s grade of parents donating.

4. Event Chairs – Elavia Bello and Melissa Dincher

- Craft Fair is on 12/1/18.
 - 35 vendors are signed up.
 - Volunteers are needed for set up before event, during event, and after.
 - Encourage friends / family to come.
- Auction and Benefit is on 4/12/19.
 - Biggest fundraising event of the year. A lot of work involved.
 - Email auction@ps8brooklyn.org with ideas and questions.
 - Asking every family to participate in some way. Donate an item (goods, experiences, services), procure an auction item from businesses, underwrite a portion of the event, sponsor the event, or volunteer your time.

5. Volunteer Coordinator - Jennifer Rendeiro

- Need someone next year to help coordinate for photo day. Legwork involves compiling class lists and liaising with Stomping Ground. Email volunteer@ps8brooklyn.org if interested.

6. PTA President Michelle Brindley

- Parents interested in assisting in transition and facilitating school split should email president@ps8brooklyn.org.
- Lisa Balfe needs replacement to be treasurer. She will stay on as assistant treasurer to help. Contact president@ps8brooklyn.org if you or someone you know would like to serve as treasurer.
- Next PTA meeting: Thursday, 1/24/19, at 8:20 a.m.

7. Approval of minutes of last meeting

- Motion to waive reading of minutes, seconded, approved.
- Motion to approve minutes, seconded, approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:34 pm