

MS 67 PTA General Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2015

Meeting called to order 7:12PM. Quorum present, 50+ parents.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made for approval of minutes. Motion to accept was made by Florence Palomo and Asha Gashi.

PTA Co-President Megan Rha reported on SLT meeting from October 8, 2015. All SLT meeting dates are posted on the PTA web site and meetings are open to public for observation. Items discussed at the meeting were clubs, enrichment programs, and ways of signing up. Announcements about clubs are made every morning over the loudspeaker and students should listen for information. Summer reading test results were discussed.

Assistant Principal Choit reported that test grades would be revised and graded on the curve with ELA teachers explaining the changes to students. Announcement was made that District 26 Empowerment Conference organized by Lori Butera will be held on November 7th, information for signing up is posted on the PTA web site.

Principal McGrath announced there would be 7th Grade Breakfast with the Principal at the beginning of November, date to be announced soon.

Principal McGrath introduced guest speaker Principal Anthony Barbetta of Townsend Harris High School.

Principal Barbetta spoke about programs offered at Townsend Harris and invited everybody to attend the open house on November 2, 2015 at 5pm. He discussed admissions criteria: 90 minimum average and top 90th percentile for standardized test scores. Principal Barbetta introduced Mr. Rafał Olechowski, Assistant Principal, Humanities who spoke about the offerings in his department.

Treasurer Ruth Harrigan presented financial reports and announced that \$7,630 was raised in Membership Dues and \$810 from School Spirit.

Co-President Megan Rha explained that financial statements are presented at monthly meetings and posted on the PTA web site and explained what the collected money is used for.

VP Fundraising Hila Gideon reported that 1st fundraiser, Modell's ended a few days earlier and results would be reported in November.

Assistant Principal Choit reported on important dates coming up in October and November. Alim Gafar asked about 7th grade talent. Assistant Principal Choit explained that NYS requires that students take a certain number of art classes in middle school. This requirement is now covered in 7th grade and students will choose talent in 8th grade. Film is still on the list for 8th grade talent. Situation with ELA teachers on leave was also explained. Grades 728, 729, 628, 629 would not take ELA quarterly and make up the missed work in quarter 2.

Co-President Dina Katz made announcement regarding Open School Week, November 16-20, 2015, as well as asked parents to volunteer for Book Sale and SO Dance.

VP Box Tops Christiana Moy reported that \$26 was raised in the first 3 weeks. Collection boxes are available in all the classrooms.

VP Volunteers Coordinator Olga Friedman thanked parents for volunteering on Photo Day and asked for volunteers for Book Fair from October 27-29 and said the signup form is on the PTA web site

VP Web Site Lidija Markes reported that parents are signing up to receive emails and visiting the web site which is being updated on regular basis.

Meeting was adjourned 8:40 p.m. Motion approved by Ruth Harrigan and Christiana Moy.