

MS 67 PTA General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve minutes was made by Rosemary Rao and Leigh Eisenberg. All agreed.

Financial Report – A motion to approve the financial statement was made by Lynne Greene and Andrea Choi. All agreed.

PTA Website – Vendor advertisements for the PTA website are being sold. It will be income for the PTA that will go back to the school and students. The cost is \$200.00 for the year to have your advertisement on the PTA website.

PTA Elections –

- PTA elections have to take place before the end of the year. At least one of the three mandatory positions must be filled. Those are: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The election will take place in May.
- A Nominating Committee must be formed. The Nominating Committee goes out and asks people to run for the positions, puts the ballots together, and can also run the actual election.
- No one thus far volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.
- Nominations will be taken up to the day of elections. A person may nominate themselves or another person.
- All PTA positions are currently opened: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, V.P. of Web Advertising, V.P. of Box Tops, V.P. of Fund Raising, V.P. of Volunteers

May PTA Meeting – The May PTA meeting date has to be changed. TBA

Guest Speaker – Internet Safety – Police Officer James Thorsten of Community Affairs, Youth Division informed parents about how to keep their children safe by being knowledgeable about internet safety.

Principal's Report and Announcements –

- **Online Scheduling for Parent/Teacher Conferences** – will be used for the first time. The dates are 3/7, 3/14, 3/15, 3/16, & 3/21. This system will be used for the first time to set up appointments with teachers ahead of time. Conference times have increased from 3 minutes to 6 and 8 minute long conferences. Information went home explaining how to use the new scheduling system with step-by-step instructions.
- February 13th began “Respect for All” Week. There were activities and lessons all week long about respecting each other.
- **Technology Update** – The school has ordered three iPad carts with full class sets of iPad minis, with 33 iPad minis in each cart. Each staff member will also get a new iPad mini.

There will be two additional iPad carts formed once the teachers give in their old iPad minis. There will be five iPad carts in all.

- 525 scientific calculators have also been ordered for students to use on the Math State Tests and 310 chargeable, color graphing calculators have been ordered for students to use on the regents exam.
- **Career Day** – Tuesday, February 28th was the Career Day Celebration. More than 30 volunteers came in to speak to the 8th graders about various careers.
- **8th Grade Trip** – Wednesday, March 1st was the deadline for the final payment for the 8th grade trip.
- **STEM Symposium** – Tuesday, March 7th was the first STEM Symposium. The 6th graders were able to showcase their STEM projects that evening.
- **Aladdin Play** – March 9th, 10th, and 11th was our school play, Aladdin Jr. Congratulations to all the students on a job well done!
- **Generation Code** – Coding classes began on February 27th for students who enrolled. Classes will be every Monday and Tuesday from 2:30pm – 4:00pm.
- **Cabaret** – Show to come in June. Rehearsals begin March 15th.
- **School Clubs** – School clubs include: Gardening Club, Archery Club, Boys Basketball Team, Girls Basketball Team, Soccer, and Jazz Band. We are also looking to maybe add Baseball and Track Clubs if days and space allow.

Student Accomplishments –

- **Future City** – Competed in January and finished 2nd in the Metropolitan NY area (including schools in Long Island).
- **Chess Team** – Competed on January 29th at P.S. 98 and won honors.
- **Math Team** – One of our students on the Math Team finished in the Top 10 in all of Queens.
- **Robotics Team** – Finished in 2nd place
- **Spelling Team** – Two of our students on the Spelling Team are moving on to the City Wide Spelling Competition.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 p.m. Nelson Joa and Karen Wong motioned to close. All agreed.