

MS 67 PTA General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2018

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

January meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Andrea Choi and Lynne Greene. All agreed.

President's Report and SLT Meeting Report:

- Principal Annello arranged to have guest speaker Ms. Michelle Lobachewski present on “Surviving Your Child’s Adolescence” in an effort to focus on the social/emotional needs of our children at M.S. 67
- Also focusing on social/emotional needs: Theme weeks: “P.S. I Love You” focusing on “I Am Beautiful” and “Respect For All” week coming soon.
- For the incoming 6th graders there will be a third Gifted and Talented class.
- \$50,000 in funding from Councilman Vallone – School will decide if they will use that money to purchase more iPads or Mac Books.
- Spring Clubs – will be starting: cabaret, gardening, archery, “Into the Woods” production, boy’s and girl’s basketball, volleyball, tennis, robotics.
- Schedules of games will be posted on the PTA website.
- **Participatory Budgeting Vote in District 19** – M.S. 67 submitted a proposal for a state-of – the – art STEAM Lab for students to engage in interactive, hands-on labs with modern equipment and technology. In order to secure funding for this lab we need a large number of votes. The voting period will be from Saturday, April 17th through Sunday, April 15th. All district 19 residents age 14 or above can vote. The link to vote will be available on our school website, www.ms67q.com
- **By-Laws** – have been read through and changed in order to be consistent with the NYC Chancellor’s regulations. We will vote on the new bi-laws during our March PTA meeting. The bi-laws will be posted on the PTA website.
- The new **student news paper** is out.

V.P. of Fund Raising Report:

- Volunteers are still needed from 10:30am – 12:45pm to sell ice cream on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please sign up on the PTA website.
- December 12th – February 8th – \$2,500 in profit was collected from the ice cream sales.
- **Upcoming Fundraisers: March – Pizzeria Uno and April 16th – Chipotle 4pm – 8pm** (50% of profits go to the school).
- **Irvin Simon** – will be doing photographs again. 30% of sales go to MS 67. All students will be photographed. Parents can preview photos online and then decide to purchase. Pictures will be mailed home.

Box Tops Report: March 1st will be the next box top submission

Financial Report:

- \$100 was spent for an ad from the PTA for the playbill “Into the Woods”.
- An extra \$6,000 was given to Principal Annello to be used for the students
- Web advertising – received checks for \$200, \$250, \$250.
- Expenses - \$650 for the ice cream vendor.
- As of January 31, 2018 the balance is \$20,108
- Motion to approve financials was made by Evi Kapnisakis

Principal’s Report:

- **School surveys** went home on February 13th. Last year, there was 71% of parent participation. This went up from the year before (34%). Surveys can be completed until March 23rd.
- **Valentine’s Day Dance** – 2/14 from 2:20pm – 4:30pm. The cost is \$5 for non S.O. members and free for S.O. members.
- **Technology Upgrade** - The school will be increasing the number of Promethean Boards for the teaching staff. 7 more boards have been ordered, totaling 10 boards all together. Promethean Boards are easier to use than the Smart Boards and technology is better.
- **Winter Break** – The teaching staff have been asked to give students time before and time after the break to complete assignments so that the break can be enjoyed by all.

Guest Speaker – Ms. Michelle Lobachewski is a Thrive NYC Mental Health Consultant.

Topic- “Surviving Your Child’s Adolescence”

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm. Motion to close was made by Lynne Greene. All agreed.