

MS 67 PTA General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

December meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Evi Kapnisakis and Andrea Choi. All agreed.

School Leadership Team Meeting:

- Mr. Annello expressed the school's desire to focus more on the Social/Emotional curriculum for the students.
- There are many after school clubs and activities currently going on at MS 67 (drama, Latin, volleyball, basketball, math, robotics, Future City, baseball, softball, tennis, archery, gardening). Students are also competing in district-wide leagues for these sports.

Financial Report:

- Mr. Annello is requesting an additional \$6,000.00 to be given to the school from the PTA in order to fund these activities and clubs for the students. After looking at the current financial report, the PTA does currently have the funds to provide this money to the school. Some parents expressed concerns and questions about being able to provide the \$6,000.00 to the school as well as recoup the cost. After reviewing the financial report, as well as discussing on-going and future fund raising events, all agreed that the \$6,000.00 is available to be provided to the school.
- There was a vote to approve the additional \$6,000.00 for clubs/after school activities. A motion to pass the \$6,000.00 was made by Maureen Barrett and Evi Kapnisakis. All agreed. No nays.
- \$150.00 was taken from the hospitality fund (that was not being used) and was put towards the \$350.00 cost for holiday gifts for 12 staff members.
- One of the PTA board members is requesting 2 coat racks for the school in order to organize all of the lost and found clothes/items at a cost of \$200.00 in total.
- There was a vote to approve the \$200.00 for the coat racks. A motion to pass the \$200.00 was made by Elli Choi and Michelle Fattore. All agreed. No nays.
- As of 1/15/18 the ending book balance was \$22,919.39
- After reviewing the financial statement, a motion to pass the December financials was made by Michelle Fattore and Waseem Sheikh. All agreed.

V.P. Reports:

V.P. of Fund Raising:

- We are looking for parent volunteers for the S.O. Valentine's Day Dance on Wednesday, February 14th at 2:30pm to sell pizza and refreshments to the students.
- Parent volunteers are also needed to sell ice cream to the students on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:30am -12:30pm.

- Future Fund Raising Events: Chipotle Night (in April) – 50% of whatever you purchase goes back to the school. March Madness at Uno Pizzeria (date to be announced).

V.P. of Box Tops:

- First box top submission was in October and we received a check for \$337.00. Next submission date is March 1st. Please continue to send in box tops with your children.

Presidents' Report:

- A bi-laws committee will meet to amend the PTA bi-laws so that they are consistent with the NYC Chancellor's regulations.
- Future Speakers for PTA Meetings: February – “How to Survive Your Child's Adolescence”. March & April – Internet Safety

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm. Motion to close was made by Megan Rha and Lynne Greene.

SLT Meeting – Evi Kapnisakis reported:

- Social Emotional Learning curriculum will continue with the students. Each homeroom will have a representative to help students with any issues or conflicts.
- “The Beautiful Me” program will be coming to MS 67. This program will be a monthly program for girls focusing on their self-esteem. More details to come.
- “Bud Not Bully” program will also be starting at MS 67. 8th grade students partner up with 6th grade students in order to help them transition well into middle school and learn what to expect for the next three years.

President's Report:

- **“Algebra for All”** – City and state feel that the 8th grade algebra regents should be offered to as many schools and 8th graders as possible. Teachers are encouraging students to use higher level thinking in order to prepare to take the algebra regents.
- **Financial Report** – (as of October 31, 2017)
 - Membership dues are still being collected.
 - PTA website is accepting business advertisements for “Friends of MS 67”. Two more businesses just joined our website. Contact the PTA if you are interested.
 - Scholastic Book Fair - \$1,862 profit was made.
 - As of October 31, 2017 our books were at about \$20,000.00
- **Box Tops** – 1,590 box tops were collected for the month of October which comes out to \$159.00 profit. Homeroom 620 brought in the most box tops so far with 249 box tops.
- **Fundraising** –
 - Modell's coupon discount will be back for December
 - Bake Sale – held during parent/teacher conferences on November 30th

- Restaurant Fundraiser – Chipotle, Five Guys, Pizzeria Uno (dates to follow)
 - Icee/Ice Cream Sale – Icees and ice cream will be sold twice a week to the students during lunch time.
 - Flower/Plant Sale – Coming in the spring
 - **Bi-Laws Committee** – According to the new Chancellor Regulations, a Bi-Laws Committee needs to be formed. If anyone would like to volunteer to be on this committee please let the PTA know.
- Ms. Dolan (Staff Developer and ELA Teacher)** – gave a short presentation on the next “World Smile” theme – “Thankfulness”. Shirts will be sold for \$5.00. There will also be an interactive assembly and teacher/student events.

Principal’s Report:

- Report card distribution to students will be on November 21st.
- 7th Grade “Coffee and Conversation” with the Principal – November 22, 2017
- “Bud Not Bully” program – 8th graders will be paired with 6th graders in order to help them transition well into middle school as well as help them understand what will take place over the next three years.
- “Beautiful Me” Program – Centered around female students and positive self-esteem.
- Regents Programming – Starting with the current 7th graders, students will be evaluated on their performance in math and science. At the end of the year, they will be placed either in math/science regents classes for 8th grade or be placed in regular (non-regents) math/science courses for 8th grade depending on their 7th grade performances.
- High School Applications – Deadline is December 1st.
- Quality Review - On December 4th and 5th an educator/reviewer will come to the school to look at different aspects of the school and score us on 10 different indicators. Parents, students and teachers will speak with the reviewer.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – will be held on 11/21, 11/28, 11/30, 12/5

Parent/Student High School Panel: Students and parents from various high schools spoke about their individual schools:

- BARD High School
- Brooklyn Technical High School
- Bronx High School of Science
- Cardozo High School
- Francis Lewis High School
- High School of American Studies at Lehman College
- Laguardia High School of Music & Art & Performing Arts
- Stuyvesant High School

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm. Motion to close was made by Lynne Greene. All agreed.

