

## **MS 67 PTA General Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 22, 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 Hila Gideon. All agreed.

**Financial Report** – The financial report was reviewed. A motion to approve the financial statement was made by Lynne Greene and Evi Kapnisakis. All agreed.

**PTA Executive Board Positions** – All PTA Executive Board positions are open for the upcoming school year. Please contact any of the PTA Board members if you are interested in running for any position.

#### **Student Achievements –**

- **Chess Team** – The Chess Team finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place in a recent competition.
- **Robotics Team** – The Robotics Team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- **Girls' Volleyball Team** – The Girls' Volleyball Team made it to the city Semi-Finals.
- **STEM Symposium** – The 6<sup>th</sup> graders presented their STEM Projects on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Career Day** – The 8<sup>th</sup> graders had a chance to talk to parents and relatives about various careers.
- **Aladdin Jr. Play** – The Aladdin Jr. Play was a success. All three shows were well attended.

**PTA Sponsored Event:** The student monitors for the Parent/Teacher Conferences were given a pizza lunch which was sponsored by the PTA.

Any feedback about the online Parent/Teacher scheduling is welcomed and appreciated.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – The next Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on May 18, 2017. In addition to the conferences, time will be set aside for an overview of the upcoming science and math regents.

**Math State Test** – will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Jupiter Grades** – MS 67 will no longer be using Jupiter Grades next year. It will be replaced with a system called Scheduler (aka Pupil Path). This system has more features than Jupiter Grades (i.e., translating messages into several different languages). Over 600 city schools are currently using Scheduler.

#### **High School Admission Process/Acceptance Letters –**

- High School acceptance letters and offers were handed out on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

- There was a mistake in the system at the office of enrollment. The system did not pick up the Gifted & Talented students' Algebra 1 scores. These scores were therefore not considered when making a decision for the high school acceptances.
- On March 16<sup>th</sup> new letters were given to every child that placed Townsend Harris High School on their choice list. The letter either offered them a place or explained what the mistake was without an offer because the reconsideration did not warrant an offer.
- Every child that was affected by this system error received a letter and the offers that they rightly should have received.
- 33% out of 299 8<sup>th</sup> graders received offers to 6 different specialized high schools.
- Between the 6 specialized high schools, Townsend Harris, and LaGuardia High school, 141 offers were given to our students in total.
- The office of enrollment assured us that the mistake was a system error and not an error on the part of MS 67 or any of the high schools.

**Clubs** – An updated sheet went home announcing all of the new clubs and teams. It also stated who the facilitator of each club is as well as when the interest meetings and practices will be.

**Regents Review Help** – Students will be able to sign up for science and math help in order to prepare for the regents exams during the morning time starting the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Academic Intervention** – Beginning April 26<sup>th</sup>, any students struggling with academics during the first three quarters of this school year will be offered academic help after school. More information will be sent out only to those students who need this.

**Talent Classes** – Students will be able to pick a talent for next year. Drama will be added as a talent for next year.

**Graduation** – The 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will take place on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be at Queens College at 7:30pm. Every family will get 4 tickets.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Lidija Markes and Christiana Moy motioned to close. All agreed.