

## MS 67 PTA General Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve minutes was made by Ms. Moy and Mr. George.

Mr. Anello introduced the special guests – a panel of 5 high school principals and staff:

- Mr. Michael Athy – Principal at Bayside High School
- Ms. Meagan Colby – Principal at Benjamin N. Cardozo High School
- Dr. David Marmor – Principal at Francis Lewis High School
- Ms. Ellen Fee – Assistant Principal at Townsend Harris High School
- Ms. Shakira Rajwant – Guidance Counselor at Stuyvesant High School

Each principal/staff provided parents with an overview of their school's application process as well as information about their school. This was followed by a question and answer session.

**PTA Financials** – Treasurer, Ruth Harrigan, announced that \$7,324 was raised through the month of September in membership donations. To date, \$9,614 was raised. This has been the most successful membership drive so far! If anyone would still like to donate it is much appreciated!

The PTA would like to begin inviting the chairperson of each department, along with teachers, to PTA meetings in order to answer any questions or give information about their academic department. The PTA board members also requested to present each chair person with a check that will go to that department as a thank you. Megan Rha motioned to approve this. Michelle Fatori seconded that motion. All in attendance agreed. \$2,000 was agreed upon in total to go towards this initiative.

**Box Tops** – 730 Box Tops were collected in total for September. Class 728 was the top class, bringing in 222 Box Tops. **Reminder** – Please check to make sure the Box Tops are not expired. Expired Box Tops cannot be accepted.

Thank you to all the Picture Day and Book Fair volunteers!!

#### **Voting for Vacant PTA Board Member Positions –**

- VP of Web Advertising – Karen Wang
- VP Volunteer Coordinator – Alicia Donnelley

#### **Principal's Report – Presented by Mr. Anello**

- **Team Up Tuesday** – On 10/25/16 two NYPD Officers came to MS 67 and spoke to the S.O. Representatives and some 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. This will hopefully continue in the future to keep the community connected with the NYPD.
- **Clubs/Activities** – Six clubs/activities have begun at MS 67: Flag Football, Band, Chess, Math Team, Future City, and Drama Club. Information about all clubs can be found on the PTA website.
- **Grants: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program** - Beginning in September 2017, joining with the Samuel Field Y, we will have a 2 or 3 day a week after school program free of charge based on this New York State Education Department Grant. **(Awaiting Approval)**

**Midori and Friends (Update)** - MS 67 received a \$20,000 grant from Midori and Friends Organization. They will provide a vocal music trainer for 15 sessions for our Spring Musical

Production (March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>) of Aladdin. A teaching artist will come once a week to help our teaching staff get the students ready for the Aladdin Production. After the show, beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a two day a week rehearsal and preparation program for a Cabaret in June.

A motion to approve the financials was made by Rosemary Rao and Ellie Choi – everyone was in favor of approving.

**PTA Membership** – Ellie Choi announced that up to date there are 195 families enrolled in the PTA Membership: 108 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade families, 52 - 7<sup>th</sup> grade families, and 35 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade families.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. Dina Katz and Ruth Harrigan motioned to adjourn.