

MS 67 PTA General Meeting

Meeting minutes

September 19, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

2016 – 2017 PTA Board Members were introduced:

Co-Presidents – Dina Katz and Megan Rha

Vice Presidents of Fundraising and School Spirit – Arvee Toskas, Hila Shalev-Gideon, and Randy Lee

Vice President of Membership – Ellie Choi

Recording Secretary – Lynne Greene

Corresponding Secretary and Webmaster – Lidija Markes

Treasurer – Ruth Harrigan

Financial Secretary – Rosemary Rao

Vice President of Volunteer Coordinator and Vice President of Web Advertising – Vacant

Parent Peer Groups – This is a new addition this year. Sign up began to connect 4 or 5 parents together in order to help support each other when they have questions or concerns. These questions can then be discussed within the parent small groups and then be brought to the PTA/Administration if needed.

Jupiter Grades – Information/ letters went home in the mail. The letters contain parent and student passwords in order to access Jupiter Grades. Any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Dave.

Introduction of Assistant Principals:

Ms. Choit – 6th Grade Assistant Principal

Mr. Rizzo – 7th Grade Assistant Principal, Supervises ELA and the arts as well as transportation

Mr. Lampoutis – 8th Grade Assistant Principal, Supervises Science and P.E. Departments

STEM Committee – Meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month starting 10/18. Parents, students, and teachers will join this committee in order to drive the STEM Curriculum.

Specialized High School Exam – Will take place on October 22nd & October 23rd. Once registered, tickets will specify which date students will be taking the exam. The exam will be held at Long Island City High School.

Introduction of our Interim Acting Principal – Mr. Anello

Mr. Anello informed the parents that beginning this year, the Assistant Principals will be following students through to the 8th grade (staying with the group for 3 years in total).

After School Program – A survey was sent home in order to find out what activities students are interested in. The extracurricular activities schedule is posted on our PTA website.

Mr. Anello believes that communication is extremely important, therefore information will be conveyed to the parents and students in various forms throughout the school year.

Midori and Friends Grant – Mr. Anello explained that MS 67 received a \$20,000 grant from Midori and Friends. This will support either a separate musical theatre program for about 20 – 30 students for 6 months or it will support our spring drama production.

PTA Financials – Our Treasurer, Ruth Harrigan, went over our June Financials. \$1,200 was donated to the Drama Club. We ended the year with a little over \$6,000 in our PTA bank account.

Parents were asked to please continue to send in donations. Membership funds help us a great deal.

Mr. Anello asked parents to be vigilant in observing traffic laws when dropping and picking up their children. Safety is our first priority.

Voted on Financials from June – Susan Tso-Lee motioned to approve Financials from June.

Voted for 2 vacant positions on the PTA Board – V.P. of Web Advertising and V.P. of Volunteer Coordinator. No nominations were made. The positions will remain vacant for now.

School Leadership Team – We voted for 4 new members of our School Leadership Team. The 4 new members elected are:

Mary Sweeney, Kely DeLuca, Gabriella Caratu, Debbie Doreste

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36pm. Maria Murrphy and Ruth Harrigan motioned to adjourn.