

PS 87 PARENTS ASSOCIATION General BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2018
6:10PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance:

Board Members: Cheryl Bennett Davidowitz, Jenny Licht, Rebecca Solano, Doug Creps, Rachel Fink, Shari Greenspan, Jen Hoke, Wendy Flagstad, Katie Miller, Gillian Mollod, Megan Hoffman, Melissa Donovan, Lisa Procopio, Nisha Lima, Isabel Vaz Pires, Stacy Cousino

Guests: See attached attendance sheet

Quorum was met

Called to order by Cheryl Bennett Davidowitz and Jenny Licht

Board Minutes

As the first item of business, a motion was made to approve the Board Minutes from the June 2018 General Parents Association Meeting. The motion was approved.

After School

As the second item of business, Darrell provided an update on after school. The spring booklet will be provided before winter vacation. Registration will begin on Saturday, January 5 at 9am.

A question was asked about whether the classes were the same as the fall. Darrell said that overall the schedule would largely be the same.

Principal's Report

As the third item of business, Monica gave an update. She thanked everyone for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner. Sandra is still taking donations for the giving/receiving for the holiday up until Friday and anyone that is need of holiday gifts should contact Sandra

K registration is open now and all K students need to apply (including all students registered in PS87's pre-K class). The last day for parents to apply is December 14 and if any parents miss that deadline, the school can apply for middle schools until December 21.

Monica filed a complaint that there is no substitute nurse for the 2 weeks when the regular nurse was out. She explained that there are over 200 vacancies for permanent nurses in the system and so there's no way to get a substitute nurse. Monica urged the parents to contact the DoE to complain (through 311).

Lastly, Monica said that everyone was excited for the celebrations next week and urged parents to be patient since eight classes will have celebrations each day.

Q: Is it possible to have clinics in schools (like Booker T)?

A: Clinics are in Title I schools; Booker T's is likely to be a holdover from when it was a Title I school.

Q: When do pre-K applications open? How many spots/classes?

A: It's later, possibly February. There's only 1 class with 18 kids.

Co-Presidents' Report

As the fourth item of business, Cheryl gave an update on the lack of a crossing guard on 77th & Amsterdam. In order to try and get someone we need to mobilize and call 311 and the 20th Precinct. So, if you feel that that is unsafe and/or do feel that the crossing guard at 78th Street & Columbus is not effective, parents should call 311 and the 20th precinct.

Jenny reminded the PA that we do not speak to the media. There's an article re PA funding, and Jenny asked parents not to respond to media requests and/or give out personal info.

Teacher Appreciation Night went really well. Carly and her team are doing an amazing job! The last event this year will be the winter celebration this Friday.

Auction Update

As the fourth item of business, Michelle said that things are coming in and it's going well. We're at around 25%, but it's important to keep donations coming in. There are forms online and with Officer Ayala. As a reminder, the holidays are a great time to ask for donations.

Treasurers' Report

As the fifth item of business, Rebecca gave an update that on the new shelves in the library and that hopefully they will be up this school year. The book fair raised almost \$14,000 for the school. They may be consolidating the balances from 3 to 2 banks. We are hopeful to get the money that we had approved for the cluster teacher back from the DoE (although Monica hasn't received the money yet). Further information will be available later in the school year.

Family Giving

As the sixth item of business, Lisa urged parents to keep PS87 in mind when they think about their charitable giving. She also noted that this morning was the NDI event, which is paid for by the PA. It's important to get the message out that the DoE does not pay for these programs, and Finally, if your company provides matching gifts, that's a great way to increase the contributions, and monthly giving is also an option.

Membership

As the seventh item of business, Melissa reminded everyone that grade wide parties are happening in January. She also gave a shout-out to the NDI performance and how amazing it was.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42pm.