

## PS 87 PARENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

February 16, 2017  
8:30am

### Attendance:

**Board Members:** Samantha Benowitz, Melissa Burnazian, Stacy Cousino, Doug Creps, Michole Eisenberg, Jerome Kramer, Jackie Dolson-Shewchuk, Lora Martinez, Katie Miller, Debby Saito, Rebecca Solano, Sonya Yerid

### Quorum was met

**Called to order by Debby Saito**

Vote to approve January minutes - APPROVED

### Principle's Report

- Parent teacher conferences are March 9<sup>th</sup> and sign ups have begun. The link is on the PS 87 website, but if no time works for you, reach out to the teachers and they will set up a time to meet with you.
- On March 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting for grades 3-5 about the state testing immediately following drop-off. It is aimed at parents in grades 3-5.
- Paul Crespo, a recess monitor, will be leaving us for a new job on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Interviews are under way, and 2 new members will be starting after the break.
- Final kindergarten application numbers are in and we have 190 applicants. Every year approximately 30 choose other options but we can only fit 150 in the 6 classes of 25 that are our cap. 42 will be our overflow
- The transfer process for grades 1-5 will begin in early March.
- During the Q&A, Monica was asked if elected officials had contacted her about the numbers? She said no, just the office of enrollment.
- Monica was also asked about the lead found in the water testing. The faucet that showed a slightly elevated lead contamination has been turned off. Monica also noted that you can't get lead poisoning from hand washing. Typically children who get lead poisoning get it from the main line containing lead. If anyone is concerned, you can take the results to your pediatrician and ask whether your child should be tested. To get your home water tested, call 311 for a home testing kit.
- Socks and undies drive is continuing through this Friday. The principal from 149 wanted to say thank you. She was unable to make the meeting but would like to thank us at a future meeting. They have a high population of temp housing students so this is hugely helpful.
- Pre-k registration ends Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

**Afterschool Update** Winter break camp is happening next week but will probably be the last week long break camp. In the future, information on other options will be provided. Feedback was given that the trips during next week's break are very far for small children to do every day.

### **President's Report**

- The CEC is a group of volunteers who get together to discuss many different aspects of education. Every year they have an election. PS 87 gets 6 votes for the upcoming election. If any parents are interested in running for a seat, applications are being accepted now.
- Rock Night sign-ups are now thru February 27th. Children can sign up as a group or individually and then kids will be grouped together. Parent volunteers organize it.
- Broadway night tickets are on sale online.
- Thank you: Parents night out at Frida's made \$2587. Thank you Dual Language committee, hanks spirit committee, it was a fabulous day. It was a huge success. Pan Asian Lunar New Year celebration was a huge success so thank you to all of the volunteers.
- If anyone has the general PA signs, they are missing.
- Winter matters-Snow removal...it's a parks issue, so parents can't volunteer to clear it. Indoor recess happens not just for rain/snow but bcs of slippery issues.
- After the meeting the school is holding regarding testing, a meeting will be held to discuss testing in a broader sense. Email the PS presidents to join this discussion, with the subject "testing meeting" and they will forward the information along. This meeting will be for parents who are interested in opting out from testing for their child and the potential ramifications on the middle school applications. The meeting will be held at Chirping Chicken by Arlene Hellerman.
- During the winter break on Tuesday, we will be taking down the shed because it is a danger. Corolla and Cecelia are emptying the shed. Parent volunteer are needed for this.
- Some upcoming events-March 17<sup>th</sup> Black History Month Celebration, April 28-30<sup>th</sup> will be the weekend book fair with proceeds going to PS 149.
- During the winter break, carpets will be steam cleaned.
- We will be having the PS 87 baseball outing again this year. The date is tbd.
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**Treasurer Report** Currently there is about \$1,100,000 in about 4 different accounts. Start of the New Year has made up some of the deficit. Family giving, gear and green team are all up. Fairway has improved. But Amazon and Fairway still need a greater push. The school received a galaxy payment of \$110,000 which standard.

### **STEM Committee Update**

The makers fair is Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>. We have applied for a grant for 32 new laptops.

### **Fundraising**

- Flyers for the NY International Film festival were distributed yesterday as a fund raiser for PS 87. It is Feb 24<sup>th</sup>-March 19<sup>th</sup>. PS 87 is a partner so every ticket bought from a school parent, we get \$3 back to the school.
- We will be working with Modells from March 15<sup>th</sup>-April 27<sup>th</sup>. Families can a coupon the school supplies, you and get 15% off with 5% going back to school. The coupon will also be on the website
- The money received from the Fairway partnership is up

### **Auction**

March 1 is the donation deadline. This year tickets can be bought as packages. This year you can also sponsor teachers. Donations are up from 20% to about 40-50% but the next two weeks are a big push to meet the goals. Officer Ayala is collecting donations and putting them in the closet.

### **Miscellaneous**

Special Events committee needs volunteers for the night of the conferences to provide food (homemade or purchased) or to work that evening to serve or distribute the food. [PA-specialevents@ps87.info](mailto:PA-specialevents@ps87.info)

Meeting Adjourned: 9:41 am