

PS 87 PARENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

March 16, 2017

6:15pm

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Attendance:

Board Members: Debby Saito, Milary Olson, Rebecca Solano, Kim Shankman, Stacy Cousino, Melissa Burnazian, Michole Eisenberg, Jerome Kramer, Wendy Flagstad, Lora Martinez, Katie Miller, Lisa Procopio, Angela Rinella

Quorum was met

Called to order by Debby Saito

Vote to approve February minutes - APPROVED

Principal's Report

-Parent teacher conferences were a success; if you have not had the opportunity to meet with your teacher, reach out to them.

-ELA testing begins on Tuesday March 28th. During this time period, we try to keep noise down in the hallways. Many cluster classrooms and teachers are used for testing for children needing certain testing accommodations. Therefore, during this period of time, there will not be any cluster classes for any grades. The school will be running on a modified schedule.

Kindergarten wait list is now at 30 children, sit tight, there will still be movement when the G and T offers go out in June. We are hoping to clear the in zone wait list prior to end of school year. We will start reaching out to families who have not made appointments to register.

If you have been rezoned to another school, you will receive a letter about the transfer process, what school you are zoned for and how to enroll. If you plan to stay, you do not need to do anything.

Next month: items to be discussed include the budget and the number of sections in each grade.

Q: Timeline for entry to PS87 for families who have rezoned to PS87 from other neighborhood schools?

A: Families have until April 7th to complete the application process; depending upon numbers, there may be a lottery. Applicants who have enrolled K siblings will be given priority in 1st to 4th grade.

See you at auction on APRIL 1st!

President's Report

Thank you's

- For coming to the evening meeting
- For book donations for project Cicero, and Lora Martinez for sorting

- To Jana and Manuela for organizing a wonderful teacher conference dinner and the many volunteers for their time/food contributions.
- For all the Auction donations, keep them coming.
- To Heather Widensky for Broadway Night.

Upcoming events:

- March 17th Black History Evening Event: with Saint Patty's Day feast afterwards
- April 28-30th weekend book fair, Rebecca Solano, Kelly Ramot, Christen Bishara, and Daphne Guarino leading it
- May 8-12 Everybody Reads Week, Tuesday cap day, Friday favorite character day
- May 2nd, teacher appreciation day, event details to follow
- May 12th Rock night
- May 13th Yankees game, a fundraiser for school
- May 17th Maker Faire: more information to follow

School Survey sent home in a green envelope, please fill out the survey online or mail in paper form, only need to fill out one per family, great opportunity to share your opinions.

Poop Patrol: Helen Rosenthal's office handed out signs to be hung up around the school building to stop people from taking their dogs to the bathroom around the school. Please speak up if you see anyone breaking this law. There is a \$250 fine for not cleaning up.

Ashley Zwick is running for a Community Education Council Seat; election and vote is coming up, and our school gets six votes (as do other schools). A huge thank you for her volunteering for this role, and we hope she gets elected!

PLEASE VOTE: Participatory Budget VOTE <http://helenrosenthal.com/2017-pb-voting-information/> : Information on where and when you can vote will be posted in the lobby and on the website. Dates to vote are March 25-April 2nd, voting is free for all proposed public projects. You are allowed five votes and conveniently there are five public school projects, so this is a way PS 87 parents can support fellow NYC public schools. Helen Rosenthal's office on 87th and Columbus (563 Columbus Avenue) is one option to vote: 10am to 6pm Monday through Friday (March 27 – March 31).

One local option: **Saturday, March 25 from 12:00pm-2:00pm: St. Agnes Public Library**

May 18th PA meeting: PA ELECTIONS

Looking for new people to get involved.

OPENINGS: ADMINISTRATIVE VP (bylaws), FUNDRAISING, FAMILY GIVING, SECRETARY, AUCTION

Trying to recreate the positions to be more of a committee, with one person holding the chair title. So please consider taking something on with a friend or group of friends!

AMAZON fundraising: link on PS87 website, click on raising dollars and use that link to order and raise money for the school with every purchase: <http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=ps87pa-20>.

MODELL'S FUNDRAISER: from now until APRIL 27th: use the coupons to get 15% off your order and a commission goes to the school.

Grand Bazaar: FOOD TRUCK EVENT this Sunday March 19th, a percentage of Grand Bazaar profits goes to PS87.

SUPPORT: **Gabriella's/Elizabeth's Neighborhood Table** continually give huge donations to our school: please tell them you are from PS87 and say thank you when you go there.

Cafe Frida gave out space for our Parents Night Out last month, please say thank you when you patronize.

STAY TUNED on reusable goods for publishing parties: Green movement.

A LOT OF GOODS to use for the publishing parties (napkins, plates, etc.), in the cafeteria closet and downstairs; Sandra and Officer Ayala have keys.

NEW TO THE SCHOOL and what we're working on: a Spelling Bee, Boys on the Run, Benefit for a former student, LULU, (this is the year she would have graduated).

VOTE FOR BEACON PAINT AND HARDWARE in small business grant competition, they support PS87 endlessly: donating tools, always lending us items Smallbusinessgrant.fedex.com -you can vote once each day until April 5th.

ALLIANCE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION is raising awareness about the possibility that \$4.3 billion in Fair Student Funding might disappear with the state budget, which will be voted on, on April 1st. That \$4.3 billion is money owed to NY State public schools.

- Edith Baltazar is a PS 87 parent who is following this, and if you are interested in helping, you can call our state senators to let them know that we are not okay with "phasing out" \$4.3 billion in funds our schools are owed.

(Monica: PS 87 only gets 87% of the funding we are allotted by the DOE to run our school; the rest is covered by our PA. Other schools do not enjoy this generosity, and we all continue to need more money. This is a very important issue for NY public schools.)

Treasurer Report

- We continue to have 1.1 million of reserves. While that seems like a large amount, the school needs a lot of funding. (See below.)
- Big expenses in February were Rodeph Sholom for auction and graduation and Biobus.
- Revenue in February: Auction tickets sales have started to roll in (please buy your tickets now); Family Giving, Broadway night.
- Continue to use Fairway cards and the Amazon link on the school homepage.
- Overall fundraising is still a little lower than the past at this point in time; the reserves will quickly deplete if we don't keep fundraising, almost a half a million goes back to the school annually.

Fundraising

- Flyers for the NY International Film festival were distributed yesterday as a fund raiser for PS 87. It is Feb 24th-March 19th. PS 87 is a partner so every ticket bought by a school parent, we get \$3 back to the school.

- We will be working with Modell's from March 15th-April 27th. Families can get a coupon that gives you 15% off with 5% going back to school. Hard copies available (and on Officer Ayala's desk) and the coupon is on the website. (Take a picture with your camera.)
- The money received from the Fairway partnership is up.

Auction

- Silent Raffle Ticket winner for 50/50: Kelly Anson.
- Big thank you for over 700 auction items; keep them coming.
- Big thank you to the committee who is working tirelessly.
- Bidding will open 24 hours before the auction.
- Come, buy tickets, volunteer (SIGN UP ON PS87 website), such a fun community night.
- Reminder the auction is a HUGE fundraiser for the school.
- Auction tickets price goes up on March 27th to \$100, buy now.
- Welcome to bring your kids to help set up the day of (April 1st).
- Say hi to Helen Rosenthal if you see her at the event.

Miscellaneous/Reminders

FUNDRAISING REMINDERS: Modell's, Amazon, Fairway Cards

SCHOOL SURVERY: give feedback to make things better

VOTE IN PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

VOTE FOR BEACON smallbusinessgrant.fedex.com (they will get \$25,000)

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN PLEASE APPLY

BUY AUCTION TICKETS AND TREATS/SWEETS TICKETS

VOLUNTEER AT AUCTION

TOMORROW NIGHT AMAZING CULTURAL NIGHT PLEASE COME

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15pm