

**PTA MEETING NOTES**  
**Highlights**  
**Tuesday, December 10, 2013**

**Summary**

The last PTA meeting of the year, focused on the quality review which won PS3 accolades from the superintendent and validated the hard work done by teachers, staff, administrators, parents and students in the PS3 community. New easy to read financials were presented and current fundraising activities reviewed. The PTA approved Ruby's proposal for Chrome Books and the creation of an ad hoc committee to review the current by-laws. In addition, the PTA discussed making a minor change to the by-laws to allow for flexibility in meeting times (morning vs evenings). The Messaging, Outreach and Design team presented and a PAC member spoke about the upcoming symposium on high stakes testing to be held on 1/8. With regards to PAC activities, teachers present expressed concern over class size.

**Treasurer's Report (Nicole)**

- New format to show breakdown of fundraising income and expenses July-Nov. For detailed financials email: [ptatreasurer@ps3nyc.org](mailto:ptatreasurer@ps3nyc.org)

**Principal's Report (Lisa)**

Quality Review 12/4-5 - intense, but we received the highest rating. Superintendent Mariano Guzman loved the school. It was an exhausting, but collaborative effort and validated all of the hard work we've been doing.

- Big thank you to parents who volunteered with clean-up and beautification
- We are doing the same great work as always, but we are now making it more presentable more visible and more known. We are doing more than we are required to do but it's worth it.
- We are fortunate to be able to develop our curriculum based on the core standards. It's made for our children, not dictated by a third-party.

**Fundraising Report (Sarah, Stephanie and Jocelyn)**

- Thank yous for past events: Marathon, Satya Sale and New Parent Happy Hour
- Discussed upcoming events: GV Book fair (2/21), Art Auction (date TBC), Auction (date TBC)

**Business of Meeting (Dana and Henry)**

1. Approved \$9213.00 for Chrome Books (proposed by Ruby 11/19)
2. Henry Sidel will present a proposal at the 1/13 meeting to change PTA by-laws to support flexibility in meeting times (allow for mornings as well as evenings)
3. Voted and approved ad hoc committee to review by-laws: Henry Sidel, Becky Alford, Conon Green and Nick Day.

**Committee Presentations**

- MOD - Messaging Outreach and Design (Jocelyn)
  - To make PS3 more visible and get people here who want to be here.
  - Create library of reusable assets and templates for 3Fund, preschool outreach, PAC newsletter, middle school stats, alumni outreach

Meeting discussion centered on the rebranding of PS3 and current focus of the PAS. Teachers expressed confusion over the formal name of the school and concern over class size which is no longer being regulated as was in the past.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm**

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