

PS3 PTA Minutes: October 20, 2015
8:30 am in Gymeteria

I. INTRODUCTION

Welcome

~ Agenda & September minutes review & motion to approve (motions passes)

PRESENTERS

Principal's Report

~ Quality Review happening October 29th

~ Explanation of upcoming parent/teacher conferences for grades 1-5 (Nov 4 & 5) and distribution of report cards (week of Nov 18; K report cards in Jan/Feb; PreK just conference)

~ Overview of how 3 PTA-funded teachers plan to enrich classes

Co-Treasurer's Report

~ Update on end-of-year fraud (got \$ back; possible suspect; looking into fraud protection)

~ Overview of this year's budget & fundraisers/events

Curriculum Report: Deborah on WiTS

~ Explanation of WiTS program (PTA-funded; supports "alternative" school menus; works with Food, Grow, Play to sponsor nutritional events)

~ Intro to WiTS Labs (4 seasonal 50-minute lessons) & WiTS Bits (20 minutes for younger classes)

~Intro to WiTS coaches (work with all grades in play yard)

Cooking Room

~ Question posed by teacher: *Why did Cooking Room Program end?*

~ Jocelyn explained that the current model was not sustainable but there was a commitment to exploring a more sustainable program. Sign-up sheet sent around for all interested in CR committee

II. BUSINESS OF MEETING

EB Member-at-Large Election

~ Nominations & introduction to 3 candidates: Stefani Masry; Yael Dunsky; Samantha Sheeler

~ Vote & election of Stefani Masry

A/C

~ Motion to spend \$150,000 from discretionary funds to buy and install school-wide A/C window units (motion passes)

Tables & Chairs

~ Motion to spend \$20,000 on 30-40 folding tables & 300 stacking chairs (motion passes)

Mosaic Door Alarm

~ Motion to spend \$1,700 to alarm mosaic doors by incorporating alarm into current system (motion passes)

Mindfulness Fundraiser

~ Proposal by Natalie Baker to have a weekend community fundraiser promoting “mindfulness” with all proceeds going to PS3
~ Decision to vote at next meeting

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charrette

~ October 22 at 6:15 – 8:15 p.m. in Auditorium (childcare provided)
~ Topics: teacher/student ratio; language program; improving math, science, specials; improving facilities

West Village Eats

~ Saturday, October 24 from 11:00-3:00 p.m. on Grove Street
~ Discounted tickets/raffled tickets available for teachers

75 Morton Street

~ Envisioning Meeting on Monday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Clinton Middle School
~ Encouragement to join all upcoming meetings

Whitney Museum

~ PS3 as a partnership school and what that means (how it is tied to curriculum; which classes may attend programs; costs etc.)
~ Presentation by Jamie from Whitney family/friends events programs, (overview of tours; workshops; drop-in classes; dance performances)
~ Invitation from Jamie to sign up for emails with more information

Marathon

~ Reminder PS3 parents are running the NY Marathon and a plea for support

Bylaws Vote Reminder

~ Reminder to come to next meeting to vote on Quorum Bylaws

IV. NEW BUSINESS/PARKING LOT