



Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2021, 6pm via Zoom*

Board Member Attendees:

Max Dickstein, Karina Iturrios, Shweta Jain

School administration: Mrs Karin. Kelly, Mrs. Laura. Hui

Total attendees (19): Asmaa Elegendy, Barry Selman, Jennifer, Selman, Cheryl Yau, Dalelyn Wysinzki, Frank Sabatini, Anna Sabatini, Sylvia Germosen, Katerina Zuniga, Andres Zuniga, Laura Grow-Nyberg, Renee Fisch, Tanya Beckford, Cine Ostrow, Cynthia Sadat, Mile, Venessa Bryant, Laura Hui, Principal Kelly

Call to Order: 6:03 pm

Meeting minutes: Meeting minutes were read and approved

Guest Remarks from Mrs Hui:

First day of new lunch procedure. All children get grab and go breakfast. K-2 received cold lunch, 3-5 received hot lunch. Kids were trained on how to carry their hot lunch without dropping the milk and fruit.

Guest Remarks from Principal Kelly:

The lunch is in one location in school. There are 600 children who need to receive food in less than 2 hours with social distancing. The school is starting with 3-5 since they were eating lunch in the cafeteria when they were in school before the pandemic. The lower grades have not had the experience. Therefore, they need to be trained. Survey showed that most parents preferred lunch in the classroom and second was lunch. Eventually everyone will receive hot lunch in the classroom. On Monday 2nd grade will start the training to carry their lunch. 1st grade will be able to carry their trays however, kindergarten might be hard.

Parents suggestion: Would it be possible to have plastic trays in the cafeteria. Mrs. Kelly will check about this.

Superhero day combined with kindness was announced.

Guest Remarks from Ms Bryant: School social worker for PS174, 14 year experience in child welfare, Ms Bryant is LCSW. She works on academic, emotional and social support to the children. Presentation on Transitioning students back to school after the pandemic. Children have been impacted by the life changes as a result of the pandemic. Children need emotional support when they are overwhelmed by their home environment. Tips for parents: Re-establish morning and bedtime routines/schedule, ensure they have breakfast at home or in school, routine physical exams, ask students how their day has been, ask what happened at school to help make connection between home and school, practice with your child how to ask for help and assistance, encourage them to ask for help and support, parents are encouraged to ask for help and support from school, encourage good study habits such as review, reading together in the lower grade, upper grade children should be encouraged to talk about what they are reading to encourage reading comprehension, ensure child has clear and designated work space,

remind your child of their strengths because they are going to need them to grow, help them find their strength. Social and emotional health is a key to academic success.

Treasurer's report: September: 8299.37, income 1620.16 (spiritwear, Oktoberfest, 1st day of school supplies, annual dues, interest), expense: 787.20 (blackboard connect)

Balance: 7272.29 after October expenses. School spiritwear income from summer 2021 is still unresolved.

Presidents report:

Call for donations for school program: look for a letter
More guest speakers at PA meetings in future meetings

SLT Report

SLT meeting was on last Friday. It was mostly about how school is lacking funds and needs to raise money. The school is a deficit school as it is always asking for money from the DOE. Anything to help the school raise funds will be great

Votes:

Change the meeting time to the 1st Monday of each month:

Executive meeting to follow the general meeting on the 1st Monday of each month:

14 yes and 7 abstain

Fundraising Report:

Halloween event on October 28th 2-5pm (Rain day 29th)

Donations requested from K and 1 for pumpkin

Spirit wear sale on October 28th 2-5pm (Rain day 29th)

Stack sandwich fundraiser: November 8th 9am to 8pm to benefit school residencies

Scholastic book fair: In person: Nov 29 to December 3rd. Online: Nov 29 to Dec 12.

Aigner Chocolate: Golden ticket fundraiser, need prizes

Assemblies: please reach out with ideas

Garden committee: Wednesday morning daffodil planting

Q&A: Parent complaint about late bus arrival was heard. Two parents were asked to draft a letter to help the PA raise the matter to the school and DOE.

Meeting adjourned: 7:26pm