



PTA Meeting Friday 1/9/26

Attendees:

Natalia Naranjo, Shai Ornan, Justin Brumfield, Amy Brown, Leyonna Barba, Lindsey Balbierz, Eva Langen, Peter Sklaver, Lisa Eskenazi, Ameila Erwit, Ally Kimmel, Rachel Korsky, Melany Orgera, Ali Schramm, Kelly Piccola, Jillian Howell

Mr Mason update:

- 5th grade student council fun-raisers: considering roller skating sessions in the gym
- Freedom Friday for 5th graders is a possibility
- Tetherball poles will be installed
- 4th grade elections next week, football taken away from them at recess
- Beyond the Bell starts next week
- School musical rehearsals start soon Dare to Dream
- 3 new students 2 second, 1 third
- 1/23 spelling bee Poutre
- 4th grade NJ PAC revolutionary war show, 1st grade Newark museum

Teachers - no update (not in attendance)

Jillian/Kelly update:

- Motion to approve Nov minutes Amelia, 2nd Melany
- Soma Swish: 4/19 SMS v. Clinton starts at 12:00pm
- Nominating committee – Allison Singer, Alison Schramm, Bari Epstein, Shai Ornan, Tree Lonan, motion to appoint Peter, 2nd Rachel, vote passed unanimously
- February meeting zoom – done
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Treasurer/Budget and Finance

- Revenue \$30,282

- Expenses \$29,906
- Surplus \$376
- November bank recs complete
- 990 and CRI-300R have both been filed by their deadlines; working on 1099's which are due Jan 31.
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Volunteer Coordinators

- Got names from teacher conferences and those will be added to the system
- Need 2 volunteers per day for Green Team compost at the big school
- Incentivize the volunteers to join by giving them priority to sign up for spirit day

Green Team

- Java's bill has been paid using the grant we received, each bill has to be approved at the BOE meeting
- Message class captains to share the SMS swap with families and teachers

Merch

- Skate night shirts live
- Student council stores set up and items being sourced

Graphics

- Finished skate night, annual fund, postcards
- Upcoming projects: spring mixers, movie night, TAW, spring fair

Fundraising

- Annual fund last push

Cultural Arts

- In-Tune assembly Annex on 1/14
- 2/10 jazz ensemble includes black history
- Neurodiversity
- AAPI May – possibly Japanese drumming
- Jewish American Heritage month – in discussion with performers
- Poetry in residence program – still looking for a poet in residence; Natalia might have a lead

Recognition & Appreciation

- Bulletin boards updated
- Gift cards distributed to non-teacher staff (lunch staff, custodians, etc.)
- Restocking the teacher lounges

DEI

- Mishap on the bulletin boards has been rectified
- BHM bulletin board content has been approved
- World Fest – needs volunteers
- DEI meetings 1/18 at 8pm – 88024034753 (3RD Sunday each month)

- Would like input from people on the June bulletin boards, Shai volunteered to help

SOMA Shares

- Coat drive just ended
- Thinking about organizing a coat closet at each school

Motion to adjourn – Natalia, second Ali