PS3 PTA Meeting Minutes, January 17th, 2023 – 8.45am
PS3 Library - room 311

Zoom link
Meeting ID: 873 5701 9420 Passcode: 179889

Please find our agenda (with links to all other docs) here:

And please sign in here:

I. Introduction

- Co-Presidents' welcome and call to order - 8:53AM
- Agenda review and approval
- December 2022 PTA meeting minutes review and approval

II. Presenters

- Principal Hillary Casado/Vice Principal Susannah Plunkett
  - WITS lab was last week - kids enjoyed
  - Jazz from Lincoln Center happening today, theme of freedom & Civil Rights movement
  - Report cards went out on Friday; let office or child's teacher know if you didn't. (No pre-K report cards.) Can set up a time to talk to child's teachers at any time Fri 8-8:30 designated

- Kindergarten applications due fri 1/20
- Family mornings this week, will continue through Feb
- Movie nights will be starting at end of month
- Lourdes, 2nd guidance counselor will be starting soon (Spanish-speaking, primarily supporting asylum seeking families)

- Christina Lowe
  - Jan 23, Emily Fox and Charlie Green beginning readers support group for parents; date in newsletter
  - Forthcoming in Feb, other workshops including for state test prep

III. Co-Treasurers' Report - (Aparna & Adam - ptatreasurer@ps3nyc.org)

Balance Sheet 01/16, healthy right now due to 3Fund donations!
30 day Profit and Loss nothing particular to call out

IV. Fundraising Committee Report - (Marie & Sara - fundraising@ps3nyc.org)



The $35,000 matching gift will still be honored once PS3 classrooms reach 50% participation





PTA fund Drive update - went over goals for year. $35K matching gift honored if 50% participation by end of January - we are at 30% at the moment. Gift of any size will get to 50%. Will go through class parents.
Auction - if you have connections to interesting products, experiences, tickets, vacation houses, doesn't have to be a major thing, anything of value that someone might want and will bid on. Cooking lesson, back of house tour of restaurant, play soccer with kids and learn math at same time. Email Auction@ps3nyc.org if you have ideas or questions or can help. Will be "procurement squad" to solicit items. Idea to have pizza party for class who

has most items; charge to class parents to get certain # of items. $40-70K from auction
Benefit Bash - Save the Date 3/31 @ Chelsea Factory - fundraising party, brings in $10K-15K
Will vote on expenditure in next meeting
Class art project will be part of the auction - each class will make one; great way to get involved in child's classroom - parents help facilitate/coordinate

V. Frost Valley **- (Naima - frostvalley@ps3nyc.org)**

The 5th grade trip is happening **February 3-5th**. There are 67 kids and 35 parents chaperoning.
Anyone (4th grade parent) interested in thinking about organizing next year please reach out to Naima at frostvalley@ps3nyc.org so I can pass along the organizational information.
Is there anyone in catering that might be interested in helping organize a packed dinner to eat on arrival? It needs to be transported to FV and eaten there so a cold dinner that can travel? There is a $1500 budget for 103 people.

VI. Charrette Committee - Kelly (charrette@ps3nyc.org)

March Workshop planned.
Penny Poll tabled (charrette planning committee was designed to plan opportunities to hear and understand the community's priorities, the poll put us in a position to select priorities.)
Charrette Workshop is being designed at next committee mtg, 2nd Wed, **Feb 8th @ 7PM**
Requested open dates from admin in March, except weekend of TBC Art Park, March 11.
workshop goals are to identify 21/22 Charrette initiatives not already being addressed (ex. Diverse Learners committee working closely with Gigi and admin), expand collaboration across school based groups and lay the foundation for a 23/24 planning (when next charrette will happen)
All are invited to attend.
Reps from school staff, admin, committees, EB, SLT and other community based orgs strongly encouraged to attend.
stay tuned for a save the date
Participate!!

VII. Budget Committee - Aparna (ptatreasurer@ps3nyc.org)

Next meeting (virtual): Jan 30th at 7pm
Last meeting - discussed how budgets had been done in past

Next meeting - given projected income, will be discussing what can be funded, please attend! Anyone with finance background - expertise welcome, but all encouraged to attend and give opinions

VIII. STEM - Aparna & Kelly (stem@ps3nyc.org)

- Science Fair update - FEB 11, 1-4PM. Last year was huge success! Fun to come even if you don't participate. There will be a raffle for science prizes as well. Tri-fold posters available, stay tuned for info on distribution. Maker's fair on Thursday 2/11 to science fair after school from 3-6PM (caregiver must come with student). Volunteer signup expired; new link/info forthcoming.



IX. Arts

Updated microphone proposal

i. initial vote approved $400 (during September PTA general meeting) - they have been backordered since, so new proposal:
ii. new proposal (initiated by delay of original mics) $650-$850
iii. proposal includes:

1. Mobile A/V rack cabinet w/doors: $339-439 (depending on capacity)
2. 2-4 handheld microphone/transmitters for new wireless system: $95-192
3. Various cables and adapters for rewiring the system: ~$200

The EB has voted to approve this so that John could begin on it over the holiday break. We now ask for the PTA's approval of that approval! (No comments/questions from group)

ART PARK

- Opportunity to do something fun together
- Families, artists, community members - activities for kids to do (visual or otherwise) - participation key.
- Auditorium, maybe also in cafeteria
- March 11 in afternoon (setup evening before)
- Need volunteers! Anything creative you can think of
- Art committee mtg this week date/time TBD

X. Diverse Learners Group - Shira (iep@ps3nyc.org)

- Robert Carol, to join discussion of dyslexia act recently vetoed by governor - date TBD
- meeting info forthcoming

XI. Food Grow Play - Michele & David (thelunchbunch@ps3nyc.org)

- WITS LABS Were a huge success! Thank you chefs Camillo and Kent and parent volunteers! More volunteers = more opportunities to do things like this. Signups, links forthcoming. IF anyone knows chefs, encourage them to get involved
- FGP Zoom Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00PM. Chef Camillo will be joining if there are questions. Have a lot of work to do & need help!
- Link in the PS3 Calendar. Please join!

XII. Marathon 10 bibs approved for 2023 marathon, please spread the word - David can help with coaching if you want to consider running and haven't previously marathon@ps3nyc.org

XIII. Asylum Seeking Families Committee - (Rachelle) - holiday party was a huge success - parental volunteers key! Ongoing food, clothing needs; any volunteer help will be put to good use. Email forthcoming. Spreadsheet with future/ongoing needs will be updated.

XIV. RJ&E (rje@ps3nyc.org)

- Monday 1/23 at 7:30PM, zoom link in newsletter and CP emails; discuss article re public education treated as property

- Next meeting: Panel researchers policy makers middle school teachers to discuss unscreening

XV. Unfinished Business?

XVI. New Business?

- Benefit bash proposal will be voted on next meeting
- $15K estimate was shared in October, but next meeting will include breakdown
- PTA newsletter re-started (will be monthly) - please let Kelly (kelly.robshaw@gmail.com) or Shira know if you have any updates to include by this Thursday 1/19.

XVII. Adjournment at 9:37AM.