PS3 PTA Meeting Minutes, February 15th, 2023 – 7.00pm

Virtual

Zoom link

Meeting ID: 873 5701 9420 Passcode: 179889

Please find our agenda (with links to all other docs) here
Please fill in our attendance form here

1. **Introduction**

- Co-Presidents' welcome and call to order
  Meeting commenced at 7:03pm

- Agenda review and approval
  Agenda approved.

- January 2023 PTA meeting minutes review and approval
  Minutes approved.

2. **Presenters**

- Christina Lowe
  PT conferences on March 9; classroom teachers and others. School survey launched, can take online or hard copy by 3.31.23. Can also do it on nyschnools account. 1 survey per child. Head lice - be vigilant; cases in every grade. Fifth grade families - 5 sessions sex ed classes. 2.28 parent class. Emergent readers workshop

3.3.23 10:15 virtual. PreK deadline for apps is 3.10.23. Chancellor initiative to improve school food. Samples coming to PS3.

- Principal Hillary Casado
  Time given to Heather Cardinale.

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

    - Balance Sheet As of 02/14
    - 30 day Profit and Loss

4. **Budget Committee - Aparna (ptatreasurer@ps3nyc.org)**

    - Draft Budget for 2023/2024
    - Next Budget Committee meeting on Feb 27, 7pm. We will discuss which programs get funded and which potentially get cut.

Committee working on draft budget for next year. Looking at a 30% cut for next year. Aiming for around 320k. Big cuts unless people are more generous. Meeting on 2.27.23. All are welcome. School population is down; more community spirit might support more donations.

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

Marie: decline in enrollment 800 down to 525. We are at 55% participation in giving, previously was 65-72%. Historically 175-200 people attend.

- Benefit Bash Expenditure Proposal

  Proposal screen shared. Chelsea Factory 3.31.23 - food, drinks, music, dancing. PS 3 tradition.

  VOTE to approve $15,000 expenditure: expect net gain of 20k from bash; 30-60k net gain projected for auction.

  VOTE PASSED: 29 YES; 2 ABSTENTIONS

- 2-part Auction + AFC Proposal:

  1. Vote to approve Auction as a Fundraiser for 2023
     All items are donated at no cost to us, uploaded to an online platform. Click on the link in the agenda to donate items. Be creative with items! Vote to have an auction. VOTE PASSED. 23 votes yes.

  2. AFC Funding from Auction proceeds proposed.
     Funding Proposal to be voted on at the March General Membership Meeting.
     Proposing $6k from the auction go to this committee;

or remaining needed funds unspent teacher funds be reallocated. Vote to be next month.

- Greenwich Village Antiquarian Book Fair Preview Passes to Benefit our School are available for purchase starting at 9:00 am on Friday, February 17th
  $10 a pass.

  - NYICFF Tickets to Benefit our School: "PS3 The John Melser Charrette School"

- Tickets for Benefit Bash: Tickets on Sale NOW!

- Benefit Bash Website Check back often for updates!

- Auction Donation Form please email us at fundraising@ps3nyc.org if you'd like to join the Procurement Squad!

- Marathon Bib Purchase Proposal - David Bailis (marathon@ps3nyc.org)
  Marathon committee needs $. Proposal now to be voted on next meeting. And come run with the group!

6. **Arts Committee - John & Erin (arts@ps3nyc.org)**

   - Art Park planning meeting this Thursday (tomorrow!) at 7pm (zoom link)

Bringing back Art Park!! Visual, performance, music, theater, dance, etc. Need the community to step in. Greenwich House will do a performance. Anything is possible. Signup link in the chat. Volunteers needed for running the event too. Also note: committee meeting 2.16.23. Link in agenda and on calendar.

7. **Food Grow Play Committee - Michele & David (thelunchbunch@ps3nyc.org; garden@ps3nyc.org)**

    - Our kids need assistance in the cafeteria.

    - Please click this link to sign up and volunteer to help out at lunch time and support your child and their classmates.

    - The Office Of Food And Nutritional Services, who run our cafeteria, have chosen PS3 to participate in their Chef's Council Parent TASTINGS. This Thursday at 10:00am in LIC. We have 1 slot left if a parent is interested. Contact Michammon68@gmail.com

    - Have a green thumb? We are looking for volunteers to resurrect our Garden wall outside. We are missing out on a wonderful opportunity here. Please email: Michammon68@gmail.com or david.bailis@gmail.com

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

9. **PTA Newsletter - Shira (newsletter@ps3nyc.org)**

10. **PS3AFC Committee - Claudia, Adelia, Richelle & Michele (ps3afc@ps3nyc.org)**

    - New website! Find us here
      $90 per family per month through June for essentials for living in shelters. Vote is happening in the future; see web site for examples of where donations have been going.

11. **PS3 afterschool & break options - Michele**

    - Enrollment now open for the spring session

    - Options can all be found on our website, here

12. **PAC - Colleen (pac@ps3nyc.org)**

    - Participatory budgeting ballot

13. **Charrette Committee - Kelly (charrette@ps3nyc.org)**

    - Save the Date! March 25th for PTA charrette workshop
      Thank you Hillary for popping in to a meeting and advice given. Workshop to followup with admin after. Committee chairs wanted at this workshop.

14. **Events - Kelly (ptaevents@ps3nyc.org)**

- Spring Fling planning is kicking off - get involved!
  Kickoff meeting and planning for the carnival coming.

- Sat, June 3 is the proposed date

15. **<u>7.35pm:</u> PS3 alum Heather Cardinale on Civics**
    Civics for All is a partner with PS 3. CVA curriculum - hope is to expand it. Resources and training available. Heather is the point person. Also involved in participatory budgeting for students to be able to have a say in how the budget is spent. Other states are looking at this program for inspiration. The NYC curic is one picked in Mass. Overview: how do you create a school that is a microcosm for democracy. School as community. How can we fit this in across the entire school. Student voice, student agency, empathy, learn how to advocate. Lessons about social and emotional growth, public speaking - Soapbox program. Students give a call to action - how do we solve the issue raised in the speech. Student votes - turn into events. Teacher development workshops - happen frequently. Heather avail to come in at any point to help implement. Youth-led forums, too.

16. **<u>7.45pm:</u> NYC DOE CCEC Elections - Martha Kessler**

    - Community and Citywide Education Councils

    - Links to watch video presentations are here:

1. English video: https://vimeo.com/794628421

2. Spanish: https://vimeo.com/795370295

3. Zoom link to attend live sessions explaining about the Education Council

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ormer pub school parent, kids now in college. Wished her kids could go to PS3. Consider running for CEC. Chancellor is the supervisor of all superintendents. 32 councils. 6 districts in Manhattan. We are D2. Serve students of K-8 schools. All of those parents are open for these slots. Incredibly efficient way to get issues in front of the powers that be. DOE mandated to listen to CECs. Only 1 week left before applications close. Nyschools account is the ONLY way to vote. See Christina for help if needed to access. Check out local meetings and see what you think. Special seat for IEP parents.

17. Unfinished Business?

None

18. New Business?

None

19. Adjournment 8:15pm