



PS3 John Melser Charrette School

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:15 pm (virtual)

Meeting ID: 873 5701 9420

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Agenda

- I. Presidents' Welcome**
- II. Approval of Agenda: approved at 6:18**
- III. Reading and Approval of [February Meeting Minutes](#) approved at 6:19**
- IV. Principal's Report: Susannah**
 - State tests are coming up ELA: March 29th and March 30th, Math: April 26th and 27th.
 - Mascot: Survey for 5th grade students to join the committee (3 per class) to narrow the choices down to 10.
 - Another spirit day: Tie Dye on Friday
 - Optional masks are going well (K-5). We support everyone's choice.
 - Still socially distancing in the cafeteria. Working well.
- V. Parent Coordinator's Report**
 - School survey: Please fill it out. Access code is your child's ID with an F in front.
 - Sean Grover: tomorrow for caregiver support
 - Michael S needs volunteers to help build cubes and help finding materials and getting the sets done.
 - Lost and Found..need volunteers to take the stuff that has collected to a charity.
- VI. Presidents' Report**
 - Spring Fling: initiated planning for the end of the year: June 11th. Carnival for the families. We need people to step up and help plan. There is a guide book to support the planning. Contact Kelly at 50th@ps3nyc.org
 - Graduation meeting March 24th: looking for 4th grade families to support so that 5th grade families can enjoy the day.
 - April 11th at Cowgirl: Parents' night out.
- VII. Treasurer's Report:**



Similar financial position as last time. We've raised 105,000 so that's -23% less. We are working on a revised budget for this year and a budget for next year will be presented at the forthcoming meeting.

VIII. Voting for 2 separate Proposals

❖ Expenditure

- Youth participation action labs – Colleen O'Connor-Grant (PAC Chair): \$1000 to be taken from the Charrette/Covid fund that has over \$100,000. Youth participation in the charrette became a focus. 2 or 3 action labs. March-April. Helps kids have productive conversations and collaborate on ideas/ideas. The Charrette intends to highlight students, the proposal would be a workshop for teachers and families and children to attend. How will this be sustained in the long term? It needs to have all of the stakeholders involved, so that it feels more community-driven. Is there a way to share this information beforehand so that all families can digest information before having to vote at the PTA? Brings a new point to how we can engage families more in decision making. Approved 7:15

❖ Review and approval of a new fundraising proposal

- 50th anniversary Artist Patron Fundraiser –Marie Zinn (Fundraising Co-Chair): Every student will participate. Each child will keep their own works of art. There will be a book published of all of the art. \$2000 for creating and exhibiting the book. \$500 for mailings. \$300 for large prints for display. Already pledged \$1000, hopefully, it will raise \$10,000. Will need photographers and visual artists to help honor the creative genius of our kids. The motion was approved at 7:40

IX. Committee Chair Updates

- Fundraising - Marie Zinn: 1250 from antiquarian. NYCIT Film Festival- each ticket gives \$3 to PS3.
- Parent Action Committee (PAC) - Colleen O'Connor-Grant: Participatory budgeting: Stage Update will be on the ballot. Kelly Maguire might need support in maintaining his role as superintendent.
- Charrette Planning - Kelly Robshaw: Design crystalizing - 6 sub groups with lots of participation. Save the date: May 7th- In school. Kick off event before.
- YearBook - Lee Berresford: Class Page spreads. 10 classes don't have photographers or designers. Stomping ground composites are not ideal.



- Arts - Elif: Offering vocal arts program. March 11th- end of June. Fridays 2-5th graders. Next meeting on March 22nd.
- STEM - Aparna Rao: May 21st is the science fair. May 19th is the Makers Event. Kids make their tri-fold for the event. Website and registration will be out this week. Next meeting is March 17th.
- Food Grow Play - Naima Freitas : meeting tomorrow to support plants in the yard and in the classroom.

School Leadership Team Update (SLT): invited some guests from 75 Morton. Zoned school. Allegations of bullying that have been proven to be untrue. CEC promoted disinformation. Our school can support 75 Morton. Develop our relationships with all of the schools in our district. Homework policy, school lunch is also discussed. Next meeting is about the budget.

- X. Special Guest Speaker: postponed**
- XI. Unfinished Business**
- XII. New Business**
- XIII. Announcements: Fundraising meeting is postponed after the PTA meeting**
- XIV. Adjournment**

All PTA meetings will be virtual until further notice. To help make the meeting run smoothly we ask everyone to adhere to these guidelines:

- Turn on your VIDEO so we can all see, and get to know you. (Click on image of video camera on the bottom left of your screen.)
- MUTE your microphone immediately upon entering the meeting. (Click on image of microphone on the bottom left of your screen.)
- Use the CHAT function while muted if you have a question or comment. (Speech bubble on bottom of screen.) We will address as many questions as we can. If we don't get to your question, we will follow up later.
- Be aware that EVERYONE can view the CHAT, so don't post anything that could be considered offensive/inappropriate.