

The Locke School PTA Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2023

7:30pm via Zoom

Attendance:

- Leilani Rivera (President)
- Nick Bommer (Treasurer)
- Hyesun Joanne Kim (Secretary)
- Andrea Woodhouse-Spence (Principal)
- Monika Vargas (Parent Coordinator)
- Jarrett Tyler (Classroom teacher)
- Kent Hansan (CEC member)
- Locke School Families

Meeting Minute Approval from last meeting: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Principal's Update (Ms. Spence):

- Families have started returning to classrooms since last month (e.g. publishing parties)
- COVID vaccination mandate lifted: visitors are no longer required to provide proof of vaccination (Parent-Teacher conferences will still be held virtually, but in-person meetings can be requested.)
- After school clubs are back!

Expanding 3K & Pre-K Seating at Locke Petition (Jamillah Burgin, Grade 2 Class Parent):

- Petition link:
<https://www.change.org/p/more-classrooms-for-3k-pre-k-at-p-s-185-the-locke-school-of-arts-engineering-03m185>
- Petition started last Friday and at the time of the meeting, there were 233 signatures
- 70+ families already showing interest in the 3K and Pre-K programs; 400+ families were waitlisted for this current school year
- Aiming to share the petition at the upcoming [CEC meeting](#) (Wednesday, February 15th)
- Leilani will also connect with the Pre-K Expansion program contact

Fifth Grade Senior Activity Updates (Mr. J):

- Currently working on graduation date and possibly a barbecue
- Senior trips being discussed: Teachers will present trip options to students and confirm by early March. The cost will also depend on the distance traveled via bus.
- Will need support with fundraising:
 - Bake sale on Monday, 2/13
 - Will need 2-4 adults during dismissal to support with set up and clean up and selling - student council members (Monday & Tuesday, maybe Wednesday)
 - Other ideas: Snack shop on Fridays during lunchtimes, GoFundMe page for friends and family to help contribute, Double Good Popcorn fundraiser, small water bottle coin saving activity

President's Report: Joanne and Nick spoke on behalf of Leilani. They shared about Picture Day proofs, the bake sale reminder, the need for updating bylaws, Spring Fair preliminary planning, and having a school book fair. *See more details on the [slide deck](#).*

Treasurers' Report: Nick shared current budget information and updates. *See details on the [slide deck](#).*

Committee Updates:

- **Cultural Institutes:** Ongoing spreadsheet of possible trips and institute connections and the committee will share more information by the next meeting (including confirmed Title I funding amount)
- **Library:** Still meeting on Mondays to sort and the committee is very close to having books fully sorted; there are a large amount of books to donate; the team met with Mr. Wayne from a local library; aiming to work with library science interns; working on possibly getting library cards for students (may need to look into a scanning software or system)
- **Fifth Grade Graduation:** (Check Mr. J's updates from above.)

Other Information/Suggestions/Questions from Members:

- CEC meeting on Wednesday, February 15th: Come after 7:30pm to share the petition information!
- CEC Elections
 - Meet with the superintendent every month or two
 - If you are elected, the Locke School and other Harlem school concerns can be more directly shared and addressed

Links

Today's presentation slide deck:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1V8x4seVPD8Y2QzDfcrEswPn2YUO16L6DbH5iyZ7_L4g/

February Calendar links

- The Locke School: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u_Hzx7QpjuX2c0rEhUTNh2ixVjRQtv1n/
- Beacon MMCC: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nV5py09bN2mrxaJIN5HNR-q0bRbGMNI>

March Calendar links: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HW8qNSQ7c0jST7r_ZHm5s52PeDHVn1hr

PTA Contact Form: <https://bit.ly/3BVXh2w>

Family Feedback Form: <https://bit.ly/LockeSchoolFeedback1>