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PTA Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2018

Chaired by: Genevieve Bernier
Call to order – 6:35pm
February meeting minutes approved.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Ms Morgan:

Mr Pavone and Ms Rombone are unable to be here tonight and I will report on their behalf.

March 29 is writing celebration

Tomorrow Academic Academy and chorus are canceled

Spring Recess begins tomorrow and we return April 9

April 12 ELA Math test

April 11 and 12 Grade 2 trips

April 19 Grade 1 Trip

Thank you

SERIOUS FUN:

As a reminder there will be programming tomorrow. Many of you have no idea who we are. Serious Fun is an after school non profit and we provide childcare and arts enrichment. We have a mission to unlock every child's passion and a balanced approach reflects serious and fun elements of child's learning.

What is my child doing? We are going to feed them. Then homework help, free time, and enrichment class.

Serious Fun always includes professional, working artists. How do you get involved? There is ongoing pro-rated registration. Child care for as little as \$21 a day

Enrichment: violin, sculpture

Next year we will bring out all enrichment classes

When you enroll you can begin at beginning of month or the 15th and the prices are pro-rated. Because of minimum wage rising we had to raise our prices and it's going to be \$21 a day. Another thing for families who – we provide NY child care vouchers and will provide scholarships. Contact me I have all info on that.

jessica@seriousfun.org

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Register for the 2018-19 program will begin in May and you can early register in August as well.

917-932-5940 that is the direct line for ELS
917-346-2709 for the MS building

We're excited to see you for the remainder of the year and next year! We love parent feedback.

Bree:

They are open to finding any activities. If there's something you're not seeing, shoot them an email and they want to hear from you. They are very responsive and want to hear feedback.

Any questions?

SLT REPORT:

Gen:

We talked about having parents visit our school website and Home Connect that our parent coordinator has been updating. We suggest you visit that frequently. Our 5th graders will be part of our new debate team, all 5th graders be involved and they will debate PS 150Q. It's a pilot this year and if it's successful it will be extended. Esther anything else?

Esther:

School safety plan - that everything is in place. If parents have any questions about how drills are organized or any of those issues you can ask PTA or Administration. Once a year the school safety team will organize a meeting.

Gen:

I believe there are 8 emergency drills, 6 lock downs, if anyone has questions we recommend you reach out to Mr Pavone. It is all coordinated by the DOE.

KidsRise:

We are part of District 30 as a pilot program. Every Kindergarten child has been given \$100 for a savings account for college. In order to keep it going there are more steps to take. Please come to a meeting on April 13 at 8:30am in the Library and we will be here to answer questions and there will be workshops after that

LOST AND FOUND:

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We have been posting on Facebook. Please send your children to Teresa's office to look for any lost things, we will donate all the things soon. There are nice jackets, glasses, the bins are overwhelming. Please come and look.

Sunday Pops was awesome and we raised 1400\$ it was a fun Sunday afternoon. We are looking to do that again with LIC Bar in June. Keep an eye out.

Potluck: It was amazing it was at LIC Artist Gallery and so much food and performances and it was low cost, so people who brought food didn't have to pay, and we got to raise \$1500 for school

I want to thank Yoshi and Candice and Be a murphy who did most of the work for this.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Heather:

Funds raised to date

One note on recess drive - the month of march is not over yet - to date we have raised \$5,680 and our goal was \$40,000. If we can't get parents to donate to this program we won't be able to continue with recess.

Gen:

We are also paying for Studio In a School which costs \$26,000
Any donations to general fund will be very helpful.

Heather:

We still have a ways to go and the year is not over yet

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS - SPRING AUCTION & SPRING FAIR:

This is the biggest fundraiser for our school. Last year we raised \$45,000.

This year it will be June 4 at Shi. It's a fun event.

We had three new people working on our sponsorship packet this year: Julz Donald, Bea and Jessica.

We have a sponsorship packet that we give to the businesses. Last year we raised \$20,000 from that in addition to the auction items. We need anything. Communications will go out shortly but we don't have much time to organize this so this is how you can help.

Julz helped us connect with an organization who are working to secure a \$20,000 grant. We are in negotiations. It's things like this that we need you guys to help us find. It doesn't always have to come out of your pocket, it can come from others as well.

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Last year we had sponsors from \$1000-\$25,000

This year, what we are doing differently, is an online bidding website. Everything will be done online (tickets, donations). We'll send out the link for it. All the bidding will be done on texts, with your phones. It's a lot of fun. Schools all over the city do this and we're excited to do it this year. The website will be up and running soon.

If you can donate services, trips, items this is where we make a lot of our money and see what we can come up with. Michelle Pinto will send out an email to everyone. Any questions?

You will get a link to our sponsorship packet - it talks about our mission and school, how we honor those companies that sponsor us, we showcase them, etc. We have Ad space. Since we're doing an online version - they can purchase an ad for \$250.

Casa Met Art program:

a middle school program. They do want more people. Get the word out, it's a great program. 2:30-4:30 on Thursdays. They do all kinds of things, make self portraits and go to museums. Jimmy Van Bramer has funded for a few years now. This is another great art program.

GARDEN:

We have two beautiful gardens and we need help. Karl Lin has been working on getting more students and teachers into the garden. There is a signup on our website or Facebook page. We would love to see more children out there.

Anything else?

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

For the month of January - Honoring the value of Leadership
Meeting adjourned — 7:08pm

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Date