



P.S. / I.S. 276 PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION INC.

General Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 23, 2020
8:00 am - 9:20 am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Executive Board Members 2019-2020		
Co-Presidents	Melinda Orlic-Katsiris	Tammy Meltzer
Treasurer	Fatima Galarraga	Shonali Gupta
Co-Assistant Treasurer	Stephanie Ranft	Amy Mofsenon
Co-VP Fundraising	Julie O'Donnell	Ashlee Wolfe
Co-VP Communications	Christy Knettel	Nicole Joy Elmgart
Co-VP Parent Relations	Kathleen Sidell	Megan Smyser
Co-Secretaries	Jacky Goldman	
PS/IS 276 School Principal	Terri Ruyter	

- I. Call to Order: 8:00 AM** (Melinda Orlic-Katsiris & Tammy Meltzer)
 - Welcome and Zoom meeting reminders.

- II. Approval of September General PTA Meeting Minutes**
 - Approval of September minutes. A reminder that all meeting minutes are posted on the school webpage.

- III. PS/IS 276 Principal's Report** (Terri Ruyter)
 - Nov. 5 - First Parent/Teacher Conferences. There will be a staggered dismissal (3 hours early) for students.

 - Grades and Report Cards
 - The first term ends on Dec. 11
 - Report cards will go out in January
 - No word yet on the grading policy from the DOE.

 - Office Hours with Terri will be every Friday at 8 am. The link will be on the school calendar.

 - Remote and Blended Learning Update
 - The first part of the school year is always about building routines, assessing

- students, developing community.
 - The time invested in these elements has big returns in learning throughout the year.
 - Teachers are continuing to work on supporting students with structures and tweaking systems.
- Social Emotional Learning
 - Successful learning is partly one's cognitive readiness. It is also influenced by how one feels. Do you feel secure? Do you feel recognized for who you are?
 - 5 components to SEL are self awareness, self management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.
 - www.casel.org/what-is-SEL
- Assessment
 - Teachers are using both formal and informal measures of assessment.
 - Reading assessments - One on one running records, iReady
 - Writing assessments - Writing on demand, one writing tasks
 - Math assessments - iReady and teacher created assessments
- Barnes and Nobel Bookfair will be 10/25-10/31. Terri will send out the code to parents to use at the Tribeca location or online. The school will get a portion of the proceeds from all books purchased during this time.
- Inclusion and Diversity Committee
 - There will be a meeting on Monday evening at 7 pm. There is a link on the calendar. The discussion will be about how personal and family core values can frame how we engage in and model complex conversations about current events and social situations with our children.

IV. Co-Presidents' Report (Melinda Orlic-Katsiris & Tammy Meltzer)

- This is a voting meeting today. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have served on the Executive Board this past year. Thank you to those members who will not continue on next year (Julie O'Donnell, Ashlee Wolfe, Stephanie Ranft, Amy Mofsenon, Christy Knettel).
- Mark your Calendars
 - 10/30 Halloween Parade at 2 pm
 - 10/25-10/31 Barnes and Nobel Bookfair
 - 11/3 Election Day (Remote Day for all)
 - 11/11 Veteran's Day (No School)
 - 11/20 PTA Meeting at 8 am via Zoom
 - TBD School photos at school in November outside with a tent
- Nomination Time
 - The floor was opened for PTA and SLT nominations.
 - Nominations for the PTA Board
 - Co-Presidents - Jeanine Kiely and Tammy Meltzer
 - Co-Treasurers - Shonali Gupta and Flavia Orlando
 - Co-Assistant Treasurers - Fatima Galarraga and Trisha Baione

- Co-Secretaries - Angela Helwig and Jacky Goldman
- Co-VPs of Fundraising - Melinda Orlic-Katsiris and Nicole Elmgart
- Co-VPs of Communications - Angie O'Reilly and Megan Smyser
- Co-VPs of Parent Relations - Kathleen Sidell and Maggie Dallas
- This was an uncontested election for the PTA Board. Secretary, Jacky Goldman, confirmed the votes. All confirmed to positions for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - Nominations for the SLT
 - Continuing Members: Preeti Priya, Matt Schneider and Clair Wladis
 - Nominated Members: Inshirah DuWords, Marion Viray, Tara Levy, Ashley London Taylor

V. Treasurer's Report (Melinda Orlic-Katsiris)

- Overview of operating accounts and balances for September. Please see Treasurer's report for more detailed information.

VI. SLT Update (Preeti Priya)

- What is the SLT? A school based decision making committee to make sure that resources are aligned to policies.
- SLT met all summer long. Special thanks to Terri and the teachers for all of their hard work.
- There is not a lot of information from the DOE, so the SLT is waiting and holding on many issues for now.
- The next meeting is on the school calendar.

VII. New Business (Melinda Orlic-Katsiris)

- Voting for the SLT committee.
 - There are 4 nominees (Inshirah DuWors, Marion Viray, Ashley London Taylor, Tara Levy) for 2 open slots.
 - Each candidate had 2 minutes to introduce himself/herself and explain why they would be the best candidate.
 - Poll was conducted so all participants could vote anonymously for 2 candidates.
 - Congratulations to Inshirah Duwors and Tara Levy and thanks to the others for running.
- P-EBT cards - Pay it forward. If you do not need the \$420 from the P-EBT card, please forward to the school.
- Amazon spending - Click on the link on the school webpage to earn money for our school while you shop.
- Benny the Bull got a COVID test. Watch the video on the website. Random COVID testing will be done every month. Sign the consent form to keep everyone healthy and safe.

VIII. Committee and Project Reports (Julie O'Donnell)

- Halloween Parade will be Friday, October 30 at 2 pm (1:45 arrival time). Students should wear a mask and a costume. Parents and non 276 siblings are NOT in the

parade. Volunteers are needed. Registration is required in Membership Toolkit.

- Parent Volunteers needed for school website team. The DOE requires changes to the school website to make it accessible for all. Please let the PTA or Natalia know if you are interested in helping. pta@bpcschool.org or nataraujom@gmail.com or sign up on Membership Toolkit.

IX. Adjournment of Meeting: 9:20 am