



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

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:  
 8:00 am - 10:05 am  
 November 17, 2020  
 Virtual Zoom Meeting

| <b>Executive Board Members 2020-2021:</b> |                        |                |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Co-Presidents</b>                      | Tammy Meltzer          | Jeannine Kiely |
| <b>Co-Treasurers</b>                      | Shonali Gupta          | Flavia Orlando |
| <b>Co-Assistant Treasurers</b>            | Fatima Galarraga       | Tricia Baione  |
| <b>Co-Secretaries</b>                     | Jacky Goldman          | Angela Helwig  |
| <b>Co-VPs of Fundraising</b>              | Melinda Orlie-Katsiris | Nicole Elmgart |
| <b>Co-VPs of Communications</b>           | Angie O'Reilly         | Megan Smyser   |
| <b>Co-VPs of Parent Relations</b>         | Kathleen Sidell        | Maggie Dallal  |
| <b>School Principal</b>                   | Terri Ruyter           |                |

**Present:** Tammy Meltzer, Jeannine Kiely, Shonali Gupta, Flavia Orlando, Tricia Baione, Jacky Goldman, Angela Helwig, Melinda Orlie-Katsiris, Nicole Elmgart, Angie O'Reilly, Megan Smyser, Kathleen Sidell, Maggie Dallal, Terri Ruyter, Sabrina Raza-Wiese

- I. **Meeting Called to Order at 8:00 am**
- II. **Approval of October Minutes**

- Motion to approve October minutes carries.

### **III. Principal's Report (Terri Ruyter)**

- Good news report -
  - Ukelele in fourth grade has been a huge success!
  - Carneige Hall partnership with Second Grade (Krista's music program) has been a success also.
  - Jon is taking students outside for P.E.
- The DOE is pushing for a digital curriculum lined up for the school to provide consistency across the grade and school. Terri is happy to report that we are ahead of the curve and are already well prepared with a digital curriculum. Science is up and running. Math curriculum (iready and Zearn) are already in place. Reading and writing online assessments are already in place.
- The school recognizes parent concerns about the impending switch to remote learning. The teachers are fully ready to switch to remote at any time. Some materials have already been sent home (calculators, books, etc.). Some materials are needed at school but will be available for pick up if and when we switch to fully remote learning.
- The school is also trying to figure out how to facilitate the transition of the students who are currently fully remote into the hybrid classes. Some families are opting into hybrid because they are afraid this will be their only opportunity to opt in this year, however, they do not intend to return to school until the COVID numbers decrease.
- The SLT committee has been discussing the grading policy. The school wants the policy to be coherent, informative and empathetic. Discussion re: continuing issue with how much work is actually being done by grown-ups. Terri will remind parents at the GM meeting on Friday that students are expected to complete work independently so that teachers are able to tailor instruction accordingly.
- Thank you for all who participated in the Barnes and Noble Book Fair. No word yet on the proceeds from the fair.

### **IV. President's Report (Tammy Meltzer and Jeannine Kiely)**

- Photo day went very well last week and there is another photo day today.
- Very positive feedback from the Halloween Parade. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated.
- Discussion re: class parents. Is there a need for them?
- Discussion re: Community building days. Possible pajama days and Charger gear Fridays.
- Discussion re: Community building events. People are more likely to invest in the school if they feel invested. Possible ideas include a virtual chocolate tasting, ice skating days at Brookfield, Shake Shack Days, virtual ICE class. Parents could also be asked to volunteer their time to lead a zoom class/activity for others to enjoy. These could be done by grade level or even by class.
- We could do a theme on the donation amount and even add it to the footer of the PTA e-news. \$276.00 or \$27.60.

### **V. Treasurer's Report (Shonali Gupta) - (See Treasurer's report for more information)**

- Overview of the income and expenses from October.

- We had very low Annual Appeal participation this year. Discussion re: ways to communicate what PTA is funding so that parents may be more likely to contribute.

**V. New Business**

- Discussion re: possible Screenagers virtual screening in January.
- Discussion re: holiday teacher collections and how it could be done to make it equitable while staying socially distant/safe.
- 276 cares may hold a possible virtual toy drive with Amazon wish lists.

**VI. Adjournment at 10:05 am**