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PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 19, 2019 8:30AM in the Cafeteria

APPROVED AT January 16, 2020 Meeting

- I. Call to Order
Co-President Ms. Daria Kim called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. A QUORUM was established.
- II. Approve Minutes from November 2019 PTA Meeting
A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on November 17, 2019 was made by Ms. Daria Kim. The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Josh Weinberger. The minutes were passed unanimously. Abstained by one Mr. William Kolb
- III. Special Election: VP Fundraising -
Ms. Kathryn Obald addressed the meeting as the head of the nomination committee. A MOTION was made by Ms. Storms, to approve Mr. George Skelton as the VP fundraising.. The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Moira Jaffe Solomon. MOTION was unanimously approved.
- IV. Lead Remediation Update -
Mr. John Hession, and Mr. Timothy George spoke on behalf of the Division of School Facilities. Mr. George gave an overview of the lead paint issue.
 - Lead paint found and lead remediation is underway in rooms 311, 312, 211.
 - They spoke in detail on the process of how it is done and of the three classrooms that were vacated. Kids will get to go back to their classroom only when a letter comes in from the lab after dust testing.
 - Checked all classrooms with kids 6 years and under during summer break.
 - If paint is chipped in an area above 2 sq ft, or dust tests positive for lead, then the classrooms have to be evacuated.
 - Looked at 10 classrooms.
 - Cafeteria and library have been checked. Custodians are checking the school which includes classrooms and the common areas on an ongoing basis as they walk the building daily. Teachers can also report peeling paint.
 - A parent asked if they check by xrf testing and they confirmed they do that.
 - Looking at having a scaffolding put up soon because there is some water leakage. That's also another reason why the paint is falling off.
 - Communication is important to let people know that this is an ongoing process since it's an old building.

- Lead remediation means repainting when paint starts to peel or chip.

V. President Updates

- A. School events: Pie Party, Holiday Party - Thanked Annalisa and everyone who helped.
- B. Recent PTA-funded purchases (after school test prep, TA payment)
- C. WITS: Broccoli and Cranberry salad - In January. It's hands on. Sending the recipe in early January so parents can check and report to teachers about allergies, if there are any.
- D. Safety meeting updates:
During library renovations they are going to follow the protocol for asbestos. Doors will be sealed off and construction will be done over weekends only. Additionally, anyone sees peeling paint must contact Ms. Deborah Markeich. Parents should report all allergies to teachers so they are prepared for classroom activities such as tastings in the garden, etc.
- E. Library and Tech lab construction updates - School facility hasn't given a date
- F. CMI - Child Mindfulness Institute at 7 pm after PTA meeting on January 16, 2020.

VI. Principal Update - Principal Mastriano

- Principal addressed the meeting and introduced Ms. Hope, Special Education Coordinator. Ms. Hope let parents know that the Special Education guide, available in the main office, is a good resource. She advised that going to teachers helps the most, by intervention, assistance and working out a strategy with them. However, on seeing no progress she advised to meet her and/or Ms. Mastiano.
- Ms. Julia, 3rd grade teacher, spoke about the Amplify science kits, which are hands-on kits children use as part of the science curriculum.
- Science modules will be sent out to parents to give an overview of what is being taught.
- Principal Mastriano thanked and wished everyone, happy holidays.

VII. Parent Coordinator Update - Deb Markewich

Ms. Markewich said the Holiday party and Pie party were great and thanked everyone for it. She asked everyone to read the newsletter and addressed issues regarding class photos and sensory pathway stickers.

VIII. Teacher Update - Mr. Fama

Mr. Fama, UFT chapter leader thanked PTA on behalf of the staff for everything and for the support being given along with the programs. Spoke about the Chromebook towers being very useful in classrooms. Will have more teachers come in for PTA meetings. Students from 2nd to 5th grades anonymously completed a survey recently. SLT uses this information to measure progress towards their school climate goals.

IX. PTA and Committee Updates:

- A. Holiday gifts - PTA gives thank you notes and small cash amount in line with DOE rules.
- B. Fundraising - A link for matching gives information on whether a company can match.
- C. Treasurer - Mr. Kolb stated again that the PTA understands that not everyone is able to donate. But for those who choose to do so, some families have decided to donate prior to

end of year, others will wait for the new year to donate. He also reminded families who have donated to check with their employers for possible corporate matching donations.

- D. Grants and SLT - Ms. Kristin Savov - Received grant for school garden and also got wellness grant. On SLT, she reported that student surveys have been administered and are getting tabulated.
 - E. Inclusion Committee Chair - Ms. Natasha Cipolli reported that she has pushed to get middle school tours to be more friendly for Special Education parents touring. This is Natasha's last year in this school but will be leading a District 3 Special Education Committee. The Inclusion Committee meets the last Thursday of every month at 8:30 am.
 - F. Green Committee - Mr. Josh Weinberger reported they meet on the second Tuesday of every month. He spoke about textile recycling, compost crew, coat drive being successful, Earth Day in April, Fairway fobs being given to first graders and the Lego recycling program.
- X. Upcoming Events
- A. Lice check - Tuesday, January 21st - Chaired by Ms. Tiffany Boyer
 - B. Next PTA Meeting - Thursday, January 16, 6pm - CMI workshop at 7 pm
 - C. Movie night - January 24 or the 26th evening. Ms. Julie Kuehn, Ms. Lindsay Picard Bennun, and Ms. Alexandra Kunian Nicola are the co-chairs for movie night.
 - D. Looking for a chair for Dance party - Discussed the possibility of hosting a silent disco, \$5 per head piece.
- XI. Adjourn
- Next meeting is on January 16, 2019. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandini Prakash, Recording Secretary