

PS24 PA Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:35 – L. Moukas

- **Approval of January Minutes**
 - Motion to Vote – N. Levinson
 - Motion to Approve– D. Weitz

- **Principals Report – Mr. Schwartz**
 - Survey – already surpassed last year’s numbers and have not counted write-in submissions. Should be close to 70% completion (last year was 39%).
 - 2 winners for pizza party – 100% surveys – Mrs Maher, Ms. Renta (also Sullivan).
 - Community Board 8 meeting – survey out to parents to see what capital improvements they wanted. Bathrooms got the most votes. Improvements are under way. Another idea is more water filtration systems.
 - Also asking for technology in the new library
 - April 10 2:00 – 7:00, April 13th 10:00 – 12:00: NYC budget vote. Select choices on where to spend money. 9 choices, you can select up to 5. One choice is to put cameras all around PS24 inside and outside of school.
 - Testing Season – you can opt out by contact Mr Schwartz and getting the opt out form
 - Recent visit from support center for teaching. Huge compliments for our teachers around mathematics and the new curriculum.
 - Mr Schwartz clarified some issues about auction projects. Parents should go to the teacher and they will coordinate with Mr Schwartz to minimize disruption.

- **Financial Report – N. Levinson**
 - Bronx Fire Tragedy: Each family getting \$200 Gift Card
 - Valentine Gift Sale: Approx. \$7K (donated and purchased items)
 - Auction: April 14th Biggest fundraiser
 - Family Dance: \$2000 (parent DJ, donated food)
 - Special Projects – Trips for K, 1, 2 and maybe Greenburgh Nature Center during test days. Research for River Keepers. Parent Volunteer will do research.
 - School Improvements – Bathrooms are being handled through CB8, Other ideas: K Playground benches, discovery education subscription, Display case, PS24 sign on front door, Spanish program, Yoga. Group voted and unanimously selected – Additional display cases, discovery education subscription and possibly the sign out front above door.
 - Officers were asked to vote on what to do with \$2,000 in budget leftover from last year’s TA program. Officers agreed that money should go to school for toners, copiers, papers, etc.

- **Nomination Committee**
 - Need to start a nominating committee for next year. This is a committee that recruits people to run for office and then runs the election. In charge of producing, handing out, counting the ballots, getting bios. They are the point of contact for people who are interested in running.
 - If you are interested in being on nominating committee, you are not allowed to run.
 - Nominating Committee – Talia, Laura, Lisa, Lara (Chair), Bob Schaeffer
 - Nomination for PA opens at the April PA meeting, closes in May and voting in June.

- **SLT - M. Montoya-Goldman**
 - Previous focus on ORSS infractions and Collaborative teaching
 - New Focus on bullying and lack of self-confidence (not necessarily in our school, but around the city)
 - Every agenda setting another goal based on the needs of the school per the data.

- **Other**

- Update on dates for SLT and PA meeting
- SLT Wed 2:30, expedited election will be held on April 18th.
- Yearbooks – where do we stand on boosters? April 6th is the deadline.
- Parent Volunteer Program (D. Shilue) - has been implemented and is going well. School aides and parents are both happy with the programs. More volunteers needed for specific times. PA will send blast about this.
- Adjournment – 8:45