

PS24 PA Meeting Minutes
November 15th, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 7:36 – L. Moukas

- **Review of Minutes**
 - Motion to approve – D. Weitz, Second - R. Sherman

- **Mr. Schwartz**
 - **Space**
 - Working on correcting the issue, been an issue for a long time, politicians are involved and can play a role
 - CEC meeting – how come other districts complain and get space? Why don't we? At Community 8 board meetings, we are not there so voices are not represented.
 - Conversation with Cohen and Klein – they understand our stance, have somewhat of a different view. Mr. Schwartz does not think we can build up, he thinks we should build out or build a standalone building. Politicians not in favor of standalone building because SCA will send more kids (perceived as we are inviting more seats). 200 seats = 200 children. Mr. Schwartz thinks building out is the best solution.
 - An idea has been proposed to extend the cafeteria and make one, large main cafeteria. There would be an extension out from the other cafeteria to make more space. This is also easier and quicker than building a new structure (1 to 2 year inconvenience). Building another standalone structure would be a 5 year project.
 - Need to represent all of this at Community 8 board meetings to ask for support – need big presence not big voices. DOE thinks we have space – their attitude is that we should use our art room, stage and other places that we want to keep. We need to tell them what we need and show a very big presence (2 to 3 times what shows up at PA meetings)
 - Date and time info for Community Board meeting - 11/28 7:30 5676 Riverdale Ave. PA will do eblasts and class parents will get the word out.
 - We need to get our facts aligned and represent them through a single speaker (space committee?). A committee will be organized to address this and will meet with Mr Schwartz and/or Ms Amster
 - Parents would like to be involved in discussions with politicians

- **Financials – N Levinson**
 - Highlights – Fundraisers
 - Candy & Gift - \$8.5k
 - School supplies - \$4k
 - Spiritwear – \$1.5k
 - Boo Bash – \$17k

- **SLT**
 - New Chair D. Weitz
 - Goals
 - Rigorous Education
 - Parent Engagement – survey PS81 has 100% participation. Surveys are important because it raises issues and drives solutions for our school – should we take an incentive on as a PA? PA will help by running incentives and emphasizing the importance of the survey through communication. Should the teachers collect these forms? This is really a school thing, not a PA thing.
 - College TAs – Monroe is not interested. Looking at other colleges
 - Parent Volunteer Committee
 - Submitted everything to Mr Schwartz

- Parent Volunteer Program is going to happen
 - Nailing down areas where the administration needs help
 - Recess, lunch, computer related and administrative areas
 - Vetting program for volunteers – checking on what Anderson does (public school approach for this)
 - Time Slots will be shared soon. Opportunities to volunteer during and after school

- **Book Fair – L Moukas**
 - Pamela Hawkins handling
 - Open all day on 11/16 – Book Fair and Bake Sale
 - Candy Sale pick up or Order pies

- **Events**
 - Winter Fair: Sat Dec 2 11:00 – 2:00. Crafts, magician, RKA Glee club, vendors (new this year), low key fundraiser
 - Movie Night – Jan 6 at PS24
 - Auction – Mar 3rd

- **Parent Qs**
 - Can we look into SLT times - ways for people to participate via WebEx?.
 - Wellness committee has been proposed – and sign up is available
 - After School Committee has met and is planning next session and beyond. Monthly meetings with the Y
 - Parents helping Parents 11/21 – 6pm. Sandy Mislow will be there.