

**PS24 PA Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2018**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 – R. Heisler

- **Principal's Report – S. Schwartz**
 - Communication – request for updated info, notes going home to parents asking for update for robocall, emails, etc
 - I-ready being used to address individual student needs – the data will come from the system to address each student. Teachers will develop individual action plans. More info coming home on this.
 - Winter concert coming Dec 12 and 13. Shout out to PA for maintaining the music program.
 - Ms. Wallace going on maternity – new teacher covering and beginning to shadow Ms. Wallace now, plan is to shadow for three weeks.
 - Parent Q: Concerns about dismissal and cold lunch room doors. They are kept open and people are walking in and out for pick up. Answer: The school is always looking for ways to improve security. We have two security guards in place. These questions can be taken to the safety committee – open to solutions.
 - Parent Q: Status of the accelerated program. Answer: PS24 is working with PS81, staff and parents will be asked to give feedback Then the team will write the format and unveil it in the spring.
 - Parent Q: Security cameras. Answer: Not yet installed – money was earmarked and we are following up on installation.

- **Presentation: Managing our Kids Screentime – A hero's journey – D. Weitz**
 - US Dept of health says kids spend 7 ½ hours/day on screens
 - Benefits – self control, preserves parent/child relationship, some video games involve physical activity, tech fluency can lead to advance in academics, social connectedness, resource management
 - Challenges – cognitive development and executive functioning (devices are doing the thinking for them), social skills and empathy, interferes with focus, concentration, attention, vocabulary, increased psychological difficulties, inability to delay gratification, loss of sleep
 - What can be done?
 - Prioritize unplugged play
 - Develop a family media plan
 - Set clear expectations and limitations – screen free places and times (bedrooms should be screen free)
 - Teach them how to engage with screens in a regulated way and teach them to connect with people outside of screens
 - Make adequate time for sleep, play, sports, social interactions and school work
 - Teach them about internet safety
 - It is not recommended to use screens to calm your child
 - Best thing to do is watch our own media use – kids watch their parents

- **Review of October Minutes**
 - Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:
 - Seconded/Approved: R. Sherman

- **Review of Financials – M. Montoya-Goldman**
 - Good money was made on book fair, wrapping paper sale, school supplies, etc
 - Use smile.amazon.com to benefit the school
 - Boo bash - \$12K net
 - Direct appeal still going – last month \$800

- Classroom allocations are used for teacher's supplies
- PA funded EIM - \$25K
- Other expenses – food, flyers, etc

- **SLT Report – L. Dua-Swartz**
 - The SLT had a productive discussion about trust – SLT is addressing this concern and ideas were shared for improvement.
 - Surveys are very important to drive these discussions and SLT initiatives

- **Committee Reports**
 - **Publications: E. Bowden**
 - Need more pics! Send anything from events – ps24soundingboard@gmail.com
 - **Fundraising: R. Sherman**
 - Winter Fair. There is no cost to attend, 5 cans of food per person, magician, 4th grade choir, science experiments, crafts, workshops

- **Upcoming Events**
 - Winter Fair – 12/8
 - Winter concerts 12/12 and 13
 - Dec PA meeting is potluck – 12/19. No meeting, just dinner

- **Meeting Adjourned – 8:25**