

PS24 PA Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:50 – D. Salanto

- **Approval of April Minutes**
 - Suggestion to change language about term limits
 - Change will be made and re-submitted
- **Principals' Report**
 - No Principals Report – Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Amster not in attendance
 - Florence Byrne not in attendance either
- **Co Presidents' Report – Laura Moukas and Diane Salanto**
 - Discussion about the Future PA approach
 - PA needs to support teachers and the administration – best idea is to figure out a way to make it work
 - Quality Review this week – DOE comes to the school to observe a variety of things, tour school, spend time with parents, administration, teachers, etc. Questions are asked about how parents feel about teachers, homework, among other things.
 - Parents are typically invited – Laura was asked to observe, but no info about who else is joining or which parents were asked
 - First time PA has not been notified or asked to help pick parents for Quality Review
 - Question about whether or not we could or should move over to a PTA
 - Biggest issues is parents and teachers would then share control of the money.
- **Financial Report – N. Levinson**
 - Highlights
 - Graduation fund – dues collected from all but approx. 5 kids. Great response overall.
 - Auction \$11K net
 - Yearbook doing well and Ads are selling
 - Last month funds were used to subscribe to discovery online which includes tech books, online videos
 - Plant Sale raised \$3K – did very well. The kids were all very excited about it.
 - Discussion on class projects and how money could be spent. Suggestion to do Butterflies for every class. Majority of parents felt this was a good use of excess money. Perhaps butterflies for all or maybe butterflies for younger kids and worms for older kids.
 - **Sounding Board**
 - Spring/Summer issues will distribute right before end of school – content will include auction, teacher playdates, field trips, reports on class projects. Parents are asked to send pictures ps24soundingboard@gmail.com.
 - **SLT**
 - Discussion at SLT meeting on changing the time moving forward. It looks like it will remain at the same time which is difficult for parents
 - Teachers and staff do not want to change the time - the comment was that this is the way it's always been done at PS24
 - Decision will go to arbitration
 - **Nominations – L. Dua-Swartz**
 - Positions include: President, Co President, 3 VPs, Treasurers, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary
 - Co-Presidents are not required but you have to run as a pair of you want to do Co-Presidents

- Nominations:
 - Cristin Messinger nominated for VP Fundraising by Talia Horan Block. Seconded by Eileen Bowden.
 - Nessa Levinson nominated for Co-President by Laura Moukas. Seconded by Talia Horan Block.
 - Bob Heisler nominated for Co-President by Laura Moukas. Seconded by Diane Salanto
 - Michelle Montoya-Goldman volunteered for Treasurer. Seconded by Nessa Levinson
 - Alex Jimenez volunteered for Financial Secretary. Seconded by Laura Moukas
 - Diane Salanto volunteered for VP Membership. Seconded by Nessa Levinson
 - Wendi Shulman nominated Eileen Bowden for VP Publications. Seconded by Marsha Moona.
 - Talia Horan Block nominated Deborah Weitz for Corresponding Secretary. Seconded by Wendi Shulman
 - Wendi Shulman volunteered for Recording Secretary. Seconded by Diane Salanto.
- Motion to close Nominations – Laura
- All voted to close nominations – 21 YES
- **Springfest – Laura and Diane**
 - Bounce house, DJ, petting zoo with llamas, parking spots saved with cones
 - Food: Hospitality getting all the food, same menu, donated food
 - Cristin will do online sign up
 - Springfest will be in the yard and inside
 - Need volunteers for food serving
 - We will do baskets again – similar to last year

Meeting adjourned: 9:10