



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
**BROOKLYN ARTS
AND SCIENCE**
DISCOVERING THE GIFT IN EVERY LEARNER

PS 705: PTA Meeting

Meeting #2: 10/2/2013

Start time: 6:05 p.m

Welcome: Parents introduced themselves, the names of their children and the classrooms they represent.

Echo meetings Friday morning: No one was interested in having an echo meeting.

Principal's report: Principal thanked parents who came to volunteer. She reinforced that safety is important. Every parent must sign in at the front desk. Signing in only clears the parent for the office and not the classroom. Please get children in class safely and quickly to start the day.

A parent brought up concern about the gates being opened. Principal reminded PTA members about safety rules that are in place. Letters were sent out for a fire drill which was conducted this afternoon. Lock-down drills is usually age appropriate, and takes about five minutes.

After School Dismissal plan for Wingspan: Parents are to use two different entrances so as not to crowd one entrance. Parents must sign in at the front desk for safety. Wingspan will check IDs before each child is signed out.

Uniforms: Principal encouraged parents to adhere to uniform policy of khaki and grey. Patches are to be worn on sweaters. Michael Sciafani will obtain a copy of the school's logo so he can put it on patches to be duplicated and sold by the school.

Read-a-thon/100 book challenge: Read-a-thon kicks off 10/11/2013. Principal speaks about the importance in building reading stamina with Read-a-thon and the 100 book challenge. Parents must set appropriate reading goals and levels for children. The goal of the challenge is for each child to be engaged in reading for two fifteen minute sessions. Each step is worth 15 minutes. It is also to be turned into a fundraiser, where pledges are made for the time each child reads.

Class-Parent: Class parents from each class introduced themselves. They are to meet monthly as a group/network. They are to collect and compile a list of parents in their respective classes as well as provide communication readily to the parents they represent.

Box Tops for Education: Nyota Vargas and Billie Curren are organizing and are willing to work collectively to achieve our goals of collecting Box Tops. Parents are encouraged to collect and bring in Box tops.

School Leadership Team Elections: Every school has a comprehensive educational plan. It helps to decide how funds are allocated. The commitment is a once monthly meeting.

Nominations are open to the floor for four nominees.

Melissa Thornton: self-nominated

Brandi Goodman: self-nominated, seconded by Leslie Austin

Michael Sclafani: self-nominated

Parker Lutz: self-nominated

Lois Davis: nominated by Tamar Davis

Belkys Jiminez: self-nominated

Sandy Brown: nominated by D.Bryant Archie.

Erna Thezine: self-nominated

Each person confirmed the spelling of their name and the class of their child.

Ballots were distributed. Three representatives were asked to count and tally votes.

At the end of the meeting the winners were declared:

Melissa Thornton: mom to Jude Thornton, pre-K

Michael Sclafani: dad to Marcel Sclafani, KDL

Erna Thezine: mom to Jeremiah Simon, 4th grade

Brandi Goodman: mom to Sydney Goodman, 1-DL

Treasurers report: June 28th, 2013: \$5,191.45. We are currently working on becoming 501-3(C).

Direct Appeal: Goal \$15,000 through a sponsored website, which will be allocated to pay for Studio in a School for ALL our students for the entire school year. IOBY URL TK.

Committee breakouts: Members organized themselves into various committees, which will help to establish the goals set by the PTA. Each breakout session will be facilitated by each executive board member. Each committee will have point person/persons who will have all contact information and steps to planning the first committee meeting, to be held prior to the next PTA meeting. Goal for the November meeting: Group should nominate two co-chairs who will report to the general membership with the committee's goals (3-5), project list, and services to be offered to the rest of the community. Committees will be voted into the bylaws at the November meeting and at that point co-chairs will become standing members of the PTA executive board. Members can join more than one committee.

Creative: graphic design support, bulletin boards, event displays and marketing, special support for arts teachers, including music and dance

Money: managing the money we have, and making more of it

Diversity: to keep us connected despite our differences and ensure that our school population reflects that of our neighborhood

Green: to include beautifying the campus, and helping make sure our kids get healthy food

Events: to support event chairs -- every event we do also will have at least two co-chairs; those people will de facto become members of the events committee