

PS58 PTA
General Meeting: 24 October 2018
Meeting Minutes

1. Co-presidents Introduction
 - a. Minutes from September 26 meeting approved
2. Principal's Update
 - . Boiler project: Boiler project underway. Heat and hot water are on --temporary boiler is working well. Majority of work is taking place in boiler room, and work is beginning now on 3rd floor. Contractors have been responsive to two safety concerns (e.g., car leaving yard without flag person to direct traffic) that have been raised. Please raise any additional concerns as the project proceeds
 - a. Safety: Fire drills have already begun. First lockdown drill will take place tomorrow
 - b. Storybook Character Parade: There is no waiting on Carroll Street -- meet in Carroll Park. Deliver items to classrooms for parties either before 8:40am or after the parade.
 - c. Lost & Found: Encourage kids to count their items when they go to school and recess/lunch in order to avoid losses. It's easier to track the number of items they have, instead of the particular items. Also, label your items with first and last names. Labeled items are returned directly, rather than placed in the bins
 - d. Work by teachers on this year's Professional Development and Social-Emotional Curriculum initiative are underway
3. SLT Update (i.e., report from last SLT meeting)
 - . Parent Workshops: Organized jointly with other schools on issues of concern in the district. First one conducted last night (i.e., Navigating Boys' Emotional Development)
 - a. Middle School: Discussed changes in District 15 admissions process
 - b. Wellness Council, Green Team: Checked-in on progress
 - c. Working Groups (aligned with Comprehensive Education Plan goals): Met and checked-in on progress
4. Michelle Lazar & Dan Lupkin
 - . Personal introductions and clarification of role on PTA (i.e., Dan represents teachers' union, Michelle represents teachers on Executive Board)
5. 2018-19 Budget (attached)
 - . Overview of budget terminology and structure (e.g., sources, uses)
 - a. Review of Sources. Discussion of expected income October Costume Party.
 - b. Review of Uses. Discussion of relatively large increases in Specialty Staff, Professional Development (clarification that PTA is now sharing more of the costs for these items due to ongoing cuts in the school's budget), and Enrichment (expansion of programming). Discussion of addition of STEP Support and re-addition of Lice Check. Discussion of Air Conditioning Funding Support (i.e., less need recently due to other resources that have been available from DoE)
 - c. Motion and unanimous vote to approve
6. Committee Updates
 - . Community Events
 - i. Costume Carnival: Still looking for volunteers to fill some shifts during the event, especially the second shift and clean-up. Middle School alumni are returning to help manage some games. Tickets on sale tomorrow and Friday morning -- families are encouraged to purchase them in advance. Credit cards will be accepted as payment this year
 - ii. Rummage Sale: Date set for Sun, Nov 4. Donations will be accepted the Thu and Fri prior. Volunteers are needed for donations and the event itself
 - a. After School

.Registration for Winter classes will open on December 1, and the course guide will be published in early November

i.3rd grade spots still available for intramural basketball. 1st and 2nd grade league will open for registration soon

b. Arts & Culture

.Planning getting underway for International Food Festival and Talent Show

7. Open Mic

. Question about gate entry to school yard: Met with Ryan to install new gate through boiler project contractors. Suggestions of the type of gate are welcome

a. Question about school safety agent: Director of safety agents didn't provide the same support this year as last year to our request for an additional safety agent. So, the SLT is preparing a community petition to provide greater weight to the request