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PS 111-Adolph S.Ochs
PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2015

Executive Board Members Attending:

Co-President: Tristan Loanzon

Co-President: Patrice Duffy-Jacobson

Co-Treasurer: Dianna Mohammed

Co-Treasurer: Maria Ortiz

Co-Secretary: Judith Farmer

Co-Secretary: Jennifer Foy

Title 1 Chair: Tai Do

*****Patrice Duffy-Jacobson has assumed the role of Co-President vacated by Milan Shah. There will be a special election to replace 1st Vice President on November 25, 2015.***

Executive Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present: See attached sign in sheets. There were over 10 parents (other than the Executive Board Members) present at the meeting.

Call to order: Tristan Loanzon, 8:40 am

Approval of the Minutes: Copies of Minutes from General Membership Meeting on 10/21/15 distributed. Motion to approve by Ivette Gonzalez, second by Patrice D-J. Minutes were approved by majority show of hands.

Presentation Of Cool Culture: Ms. Ramirez (teacher) - Applications for membership will be re-distributed to Pre-K and K classrooms to drive membership. Membership includes 5 cards to go to museums, zoos, other cultural institutions in around NYC. Ms. Ramirez is donating \$1,000 to fund the Cool Culture \$2,500 annual fee for 2015-16. Need to fundraise the other \$1,500k for this school year. First payment needs to be made first payment by December 2015 (Ms. Ramirez contribution is first payment). Can complete payment upon allocation of the remaining funds. How many families are taking advantage of the program? Cool Culture looks at whether the program is being used by. Will PTA support this by fundraising for this? Tristan called for volunteers and/or committee. Volunteers – Carmen Neal, Ivette Gonzalez, Yvette Ramirez.

Principal's Report: Edward Gilligan

1. Schools Tours start Dec 4th for G&T, Kindergarten and Pre-k. Tours can be scheduled on school website. Next year we will likely be reduced to two Pre-K classes.
2. Cool Culture - asked membership to get the message out.

3. Fundraising – What are we fundraising for? What is the ‘dream’ list? Pre-K needs building blocks and other materials, enrichment activities are important, help in funding the graduation and prom events, etc. The main goal is to build up the bank account.
4. School Ratings - Discussed various online school rating sites particularly Inside Schools. Tai made comments about metrics in determining ratings. Attendance and Test Scores are predominant and then there is survey. Fania Washington made comments on reviews and how important they are. Encouraged membership and parents to submit their reviews, which are expected to be positive.
5. Communications – we need to get better about not leaving gaps in communication.

Treasurer’s Report: Maria Ortiz

Distributed PTA balance and went over any new funds raised and/or expenditures.
See attached balance sheet.

President’s Report: Tristan Loanzon

PTA has made the following accomplishments in its first month:

1. Created PTA website, 111PTA.org
2. Organized and cleaned out PTA office. Now can be used by any parent, encouraged everyone to use this space.
3. Formed SLT
4. Formed Committees

Presentation of Committees : Tristan asked the head’s of each committee to make a brief presentation.

- **Communications: Trevor Peterson**
How do we do outreach to get more participation in general? Several lines of communication that we want to establish: Distribution of what we are doing in PTA, distribution of things that have happened at school, collecting info from school staff, teachers etc. and distributing that feedback. We are creating a Newsletter and would prefer to distribute in several formats, on paper and online/electronic. Trevor asked for as many volunteers as possible. Esther Hayes is an additional volunteer for committee. Tristan suggested that we sell ad space in our newsletter.
- **Fundraising Committee – Karin Jenson**
We’d like to put up a survey for types of programs we should be supporting. Ideas are: Foreign Language, Coding, Chess
In terms of how we are raising money, we need to think big, i.e., Silent Auction/Talent show is largest projected return.

Karin presented matching fund challenge: We have 400 families at PS 111, if half of those families make a donation to the PTA of \$20.00 by December 31,

2015, we will receive a \$1000 donation from a PTA supporter. Total raised would be \$5000.00. Info about challenge to be distribution in back packs.
Patrice talked about upcoming Scholastic Book Fair, Dec 7th - 11th. Asked for volunteers to sign up!

- **Wellness Committee: no updates**

- **Tech Committee: Todd Miller**
Right away we'd like to work on coding program for the school. In the long term, we would like to work on a program to get a grant for ipads etc. Ivette provided the tech teacher's name, Ms. Connelly and suggested we work with her on any programs.

- **Safety Committee: Judith Farmer / Katherine Loanzon**
Once a month the committee will be meeting with the administration to talk about school safety ie security guards, bullying, emergency preparedness.

Action Items

1. Rescission of October 2015 SLT Elections - Patrice made a motion to rescind previous SLT election from October 21, 2015 General Membership Meeting. Tai seconded the motion. New SLT Nominations and Elections will be on Nov. 25 at 8:30 am.
2. Nomination and Election of New 1st Vice President will also be held on Nov. 25 at 8:30 am.
3. Presentation of Bylaws – Tristan presented the draft amend bylaws and asked the membership to review and suggest amendments to them. The amended bylaws will be put for approval to the membership at the next meeting.

Other Announcements

- Give 10 Campaign – Ms. Harvey will distribute information about this.
- PBIS Bake Sale
- City Harvest Food Drive

Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 am - Tristan Loanzon