

P.S. 101Q's Parent's Association (P.A.)
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 16, 2014 8:30am-10:00am

PA Board Members in Attendance:

Christine Memoli, President
Tom Renna, VP
Ann Kittridge, VP
Sarah Payne, Communications
JP Freeley, Co-Recording Secretary
Marcia Perel, New Parent Liasion

Guest Speakers:

Monique Paniagua - Principal P.S. 101
Paul Loboan - Co-Founder, Datacation - Pupil Path/Skedula

Principal Update - Monique Paniagua

- PJ Drive, leave PJs in the rotunda to be donated to those in need.
- New Superintendent visited recently, she came on a PLP day.
- On Dec 22, Councilwoman Kozlowitz PA + Principal breakfast thanking for \$750K Laptop Grant.
- Recently acquired laptops are being equally allocated amongst grades.
- Mr. Hyman has been working with all kids including K, 1st & 2nd Grades.
- Councilwoman Kozlowitz also providing \$450K for Auditorium Renovation to include Chairs, Curtains, maybe paint and floors
- ResoA provides "set menu" of limited equipment choices, can't make general decisions, must choose from the specific list of options provided.
- Can't ask for "loose furniture" with ResoA funding.
- Attendance in Parents Workshops has gone up from last year. We have about 6 Parents workshops a month.
- Tuesdays are Parent/Teacher interaction day. Principal feels that 2:40 is a non-optimal time for parents meeting and has offered a "time back" situation if teacher schedules parent interaction during 1st period prep.

PA President - Christine Memoli

- Thank you to book fair folks! We went up 30% in proceeds which we converted to "scholastic dollars". Perhaps get classroom mats/rugs .. need to investigate further.
- Thank you for amazing talent show! All volunteers, alumni, etc. Great talent show.

Financial Update - Sarah Payne

- FY began with \$114K. YTD total income \$3.5K .. As of Nov 30, balance of \$118K
- So far Holiday campaign has raised about \$12K with 15% participation. Please encourage giving.
- Money comes in 4 ways .. - ASP, - Direct Giving, - Events, - Shopping Programs such as Amazon
- Update on current residencies...Pre-K, 1, 2 nothing going on with Residencies yet.
- Just because line item budget, doesn't mean we have the money. Currently budgeted \$6000 for residencies/enrichment and \$2000 for field trips (per grade). Teachers have ultimate control of fund use. \$6K + \$2K could be combined based on teacher decision.

- \$100K is standard reserve amount based on 40%-60% percentage of operating budget. This money should not be included in budget funding. Some schools fund-raise for NEXT year, we currently fund-raise for CURRENT year.

Afterschool - Tom Renna

Meeting with vendors right now, new and old.

- Someone is now shadowing Tom in his duties.
- Teachers will run Test Prep classes
- Run a 2nd Engineering pop-up class which sold out.
- Still looking for people to help out with ASP Management and Operations as Tom is graduating out this year.

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- Beginning of "Respect for All" Initiative in January. Principal bought "Just Kidding" book as "book-of-the-month" with Class of 1968 Funds.
- Working with Mrs. Gonzalez on "Behavior Rubric"
- Working on indoor recess options ..
 - perhaps introduce "Drama Club" or Skits to upper grades..
 - NEED LUNCH VOLUNTEERS -- 10:30am - 1:10pm
 - Perhaps have kids Make Videos for them to Watch at indoor recess.
 - Perhaps budget for "Asphalt Green" next year.
- Upcoming Events ..
 - Family Movie Day 1/24: Sing-along-Frozen -- Suggested donations + Bake Sale \$110 for license to show movie.
 - Spring Auction -- March 14. Marcia Perel is the Chair. Volunteers needed, donations needed.

Introduction of Paul Lobo, Co-Founder Datacation - Pupil Path/Skedula.

- Mr. LoBoen went over the new revisions that Pupil Path. Parents received log-in info at Parent Teacher Conference. Parents should log in and get their children's latest grades.
- November Minutes Reviewed and Approved by the Parent Body.

Open Forum Questions: Website Sponsorships, Mr. Hyman's Website, Language, Parent Survey.

Upcoming Events

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer at upcoming events. All information is on our website:

- Frozen Family Movie Day, January 24th at 4pm
- Spring Auction March 14th at 6:30pm

Check our websites for more information: P.A.: www.pa101.org; School: www.ps101q.org