

**P.S. 101Q's Parent's Association (P.A.)**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM**

The following Executive Board members were in attendance:

Christine Gendreau Memoli	President
Tom Renna	1st Vice President
Sarah Payne	Communications Secretary
Amal Ajam	Co-Treasurer
JP Freeley	Co-Recording Secretary

**P.A. Business**

Meeting Minutes for the October 2014 P.A. Meeting were approved as presented.

**P.A. Bylaws**

P.A. Bylaws amendment, presented in September PA Meeting, to change meeting times were presented for vote and approved.

**Book Fair & Reading Contest**

JC Discussed the ongoing reading contest. JC also discussed the upcoming (Dec 1st) Bookfair, promotions surrounding, volunteer positions during fair.

**SLT Update**

JC Updated SLT news. Chancellor changed CEP goal structure and that's what SLT has been very focused on most recently. They have been discussing student teachers and foreign language as well. She stated that we are expecting student teachers in the spring and that general education teachers are not permitted to teach a foreign language. Additionally, how do teachers pass information between each other regarding students as they progress from grade to grade each year (ie 1st Gr to 2nd Gr)? Lastly, the previous Superintendent Dr. Bryant-Folkes is no longer in place and a new superintendent will be in place in January.

**Talent Show**

Christine summarized information from Ann Kittridge regarding upcoming Talent Show. There will be a raffle for all paid attendees to a Broadway show, must be present to win, to discourage audience attrition. Need volunteers for Talent Show, stage hands, bakers, greeters, etc.

**Recess**

Asphalt Green (AG) possibility. Christine and Maria M. went to a presentation. AG comes into schools and assists with recess time with regards to organizing games and engaging students. Will cost money, so we might ask for a focused fundraiser for AG to get involved at PS101. \$8000 for 2x/week /year. FYI, students are currently doing Zumba 15min/day in classroom. School Aides should be receptive to AG.

**Holiday Giving Campaign**

Suggested amount \$101/family. Encourage 100% participation, focus is on participation. A grade-wide party will be rewarded based on highest participation. The goal \$30K for the year, and this campaign is a part of that. There was a motion to approve this fundraising effort. The motion was 2nd'd and approved. This is general giving not targeted giving for a specific thing.

### **After-School Program (ASP)**

An effort is underway to find someone to fill the shoes of Tom Renna who is graduating out. Tom has been working on the After-School program, mainly singlehandedly, for many years. We need to find someone to step-up and take over much of the duties with regarding ASP. ASP is large profit center for PA.

### **Financial Update**

- Computer upgrade delayed presentation of Financial report
- Currently \$54,523.70 in operating account as of 10/31/2014.
- Additional funds also in PayPal account.

### **\*\* OPEN FORUM BELOW\*\***

#### **Online Shopping**

Various ways to provide money to PA via online shopping was discussed. Good shop (+\$20), Box Tops, Scrip's gift cards, Amazon program.

#### **Food/Pumpkins @ Halloween Party**

Perhaps include food vendors at Halloween Party. Bareburger food truck?  
Ask local businesses to donate pumpkins.

Halloween Party made money. Huge success. Thank you for all volunteer's hard work.

#### **Parent Learning Leaders vs. Student Teachers**

Teachers are more receptive to student teachers rather than Parents as Learning Leaders.

#### **2nd Grade Language Residency**

2nd Grade Teachers are interested in a Language Residency program investigation and coordination underway.

#### **Better transparency in Residency Programs**

Need monthly reports regarding use of Residency/Enrichment funds per grade, what programs being considered? What programs funded? What's on the teacher's wish list? What's the status of various programs? What's the activity on each line of enrichment fund budget?

#### **Upcoming Events**

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

- Talent Show, Saturday, November 22nd
- Book Fair, Dec 1-5.

**Check our websites for more information: P.A.: [www.pa101.org](http://www.pa101.org); School: [www.ps101q.org](http://www.ps101q.org)**