

PS 101 Parent's Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 15th, 2016 at 7:00pm

1. Minutes from February PA Meeting Approved
2. SLT positions – Uncontested. Nominations are closed. Karen Imus, parent of a kindergartner. She works in Government Relations; she will be working on funding requests to local politicians.
3. Special Guests –
JR Jonah Serrino from the Forest Hills Association:
 - a. Will be Co-chairing Forest Hills Civic Association. Civic Assoc has been in existence since 1927 and has been the voice of this community. Last 5 years they've seen a decline in membership. Looking to get all important issues of this community in One Voice. By middle of next year we can address issues timely as community.
 - b. Meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Need: 1) people to start coming to the meetings 2) forum for community 3) start to fix issues
 - c. They are starting to create a Facebook page and social media presence.
 - d. Newsletter out starting next year (possibly start to request 10\$ in dues).Dave and Laura – Power Brain
 - e. 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Teacher from Long Island. Yoga and mindfulness in class. Last 8 years, worked with 180 schools; met Monique in a Principal's meeting.
 - f. Yoga and Meditation demonstration on stage – light exercise
4. Financial Update:
 - a. Almost 60K gifts to the School; hoping to double by end of the year (residencies will be paid this month)
 - b. Revenue and Expenses – Healthy fund balance of 250K, 60K will be spent on gifts and 40K will be spent on Afterschool. So the fund balance will be about 150K; prior month fund balance was about 140K.
 - c. Possible ways to be more transparent with information on revenue/expenses – perhaps a pie chart on the PA website.
 - d. Question: Can we open up a brokerage account so people can donate stock? (to do more research on this)
5. Miscellaneous -
 - a. PA Positions for next year - Candidate forms due April 10th, nominations to close April 19th. June will be the passing of the baton.
 - b. Yearbook and Booster reminders – On sale March 31st
 - c. April 16th, Square Dance – Decorations to put up (e.g. hay and scarecrows)
 - d. SLT Update – Volunteers needed in creation of a Parent Guide in addition to the welcome package, to assimilate people new to the neighborhood.
 - e. Residency Update – Brief description of each residency per grade. Trips scheduled e.g. 3rd grade going to UN, 1st grade seeing a show (Charlotte's web)
 - f. Participatory Voting – Starts on March 26th to April 2nd -- whatever projects get the most votes gets funded.
 - g. Auction – Amazing event – A week ago, thank you to Fadia, Catherine, Laura and Marybeth.