

PS 101Q's Parents' Association Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 18th, 2018, 7:00 pm

Attendance: Quorum was met as 13 members were in attendance.

Sarah Payne opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming during the busy holiday season.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes: Minutes were presented and approved.

Financial Report: Suzanne Flannery, co-treasurer presented the financial report. A total of \$37,081.45 was gifted to the school from September – November. Please see attached financial report for complete details.

There is currently more than \$187,000 in the PA checking account; interest earned is .05%. A proposal was made to move \$100,000 into a fixed rate CD that will earn 2% interest. Funds can be removed without penalty. Jaisi made the first motion to approve the motion and all present agreed.

Holiday Giving Campaign: As of December 18th the PA has collected \$25,000; the goal is \$40,000. There will be several emails sent out over the winter break to remind families that they can still donate. Targeted emails will be sent to previous donors that have yet to contribute this year. There was a discussion about changing the time of the year that we hold the giving campaign; alternate months included September and March/April.

Residencies: Laura Kujo shared an update on residency programs. There will be a new ballroom dance teacher for the 4th grade. Parents were invited to attend the last session of the sixth grade residency to view the films they created with the support of Magic Box. Fifth grade students finished their Mad Science residency where they built bridges and explored ? and ? The lessons plans were customized to focus on problem solving, evaluating and editing plans. The first grade teachers are making the final decision between two science based vendors; the residency will begin in February.

Community Service Project: Nancy Llamas, parent liaison, reported on the success of the community service project. Twenty four bins of clothes, including coats and winter accessories were donated to PS 46, a Queens elementary school where more than 40% of the students live in homeless shelters. They were overwhelmed and very grateful for the items and offered to volunteer at school events as a way to thank the PS 101 community. Over 400 hats were collected for Ellie's hats, 5 bins of toiletries for Coalition for the Homeless and more than 800 pairs of socks for Socks in a Box.

Scholastic Book Fair: Sarah Payne thanked Jaisi Diccio for chairing the Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair raised \$22,500 this year; the most we have ever raised. The PS 101 community donated by rounding up the cost of their purchases and we were able to give 2 boxes of books to Forestdale, a foster care agency in our neighborhood.

School Leadership Team (SLT): Tom Miale, co-president, informed those present that PS 101 has been nominated for the National Blue Ribbon Award, which is given for overall academic excellence and school culture, by the US Department of Education. Nineteen schools per state can be nominated. Ms. Paniagua will be overseeing the completion of the application and supporting materials; award winners will be announced in October 2019.

At the last CEC meeting ten faculty members spoke about the reasons they support removing 6th grade from PS 101. The next step in the process will be an open forum meeting at the school on Tuesday, January 15th with the school board and representatives from the Superintendent's office. We encourage all interested parties to attend; everyone will have 90 seconds to share their opinions on removal of the 6th grade class.

ASP: Adina Konheim distributed and reviewed the Spring ASP schedule. New classes include sewing/crafts by a local vendor, two sessions of an open play class for K and 1st grade called Stations Play and The Broadway Class will be available for younger grades. Test prep will be offered on Thursdays and Saturdays for 3rd - 5th grades. Registration will open on Thursday, January 10th at 9:00 pm.

Parent/Teacher Social: The social will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at Reef from 4pm - 7pm. Email invitations have been sent and paper invitations will go out in backpacks this week. Fadia Mohama is working on some fun icebreakers and games to play. Please join as it is a wonderful way to strengthen our PS 101 community.

Talent Show: The talent show will take place on Saturday, February 2nd at 4 pm in the school auditorium. Signups will be online - if your child/children wish to participate we encourage you to register as soon as possible as there is a cap on the number of performances. We hope to see you there.

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